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'Forever grateful to Tan family'

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TanHoldings Corp. president Jerry Tan, sixth from left, joins other officials of the company after committing to donate $1 million to the ongoing recovery efforts from Super Typhoon Yutu.

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Gov. Ralph DLG Torres was nearly speechless upon learning that TanHoldings Corp. and its charitable arm, the Tan Siu Lin Foundation, have pledged to donate $1 million for the ongoing relief and recovery efforts of the CNMI from Super Typhoon Yutu. The amount will be divided among several non-government organizations that are assisting the victims of the devastating storm.

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Partial power in 5 of 9 feeders

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Five out of nine power feeders on Saipan are now partially online or have power, while water production is at 70 percent, according to the Commonwealth Utilities Corp.

CUC executive director Gary P. Camacho said that Feeders 1, 2, 3, 4, and 7 are now partially online, while the remaining four feeders are undergoing repairs and assessments.

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Legislators salary bill goes to Torres

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The Senate passed House Bill 20-194 or the bill that would establish a new salary level for members of the Legislature during a session yesterday on Capital Hill. The bill now heads to the desk of Gov. Ralph DLG Torres for further action.

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458 tents installed on Saipan

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In just 30 minutes, Juan Yugummang and his family now have a tent that serves as their temporary shelter. It sits next to their rented house on Texas Road in Chalan Kanoa that was demolished by Super Typhoon Yutu's fury.

According to Yugummang, U.S. military and CNMI Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services personnel came to his place last week and installed the tent, which has the same look and color of military tents.

Yugummang and his wife, together with their six children, all fit inside

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U.S. and CNMI flags flap in the wind over two tents next to Antonia Aldan's and her children's houses on Knight Road in Susupe.

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Local

CARE to activate as recovery begins

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A non-profit organization whose origin stems from the onslaught of 2015's Typhoon Soudelor is being re-activated as recovery from Super Typhoon Yutu continues in the CNMI.

Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts board vice chair Lauri Ogumoro told *Saipan Tribune* yesterday that the organization would once again be activated as recovery from Yutu begins.

On Monday, CARE received a $300,000 donation from TanHoldings Corp. and its charitable arm, the TSL Foundation.

"We are always active," Ogumoro said. "We already have a group going around, we are already talking about what we are going to do, and right now we need to wait for the immediate disaster recovery to finish.,"

According to Ogumoro, CARE would be focusing on individuals who either did not receive enough support from the Federal Emergency Management Agency or are unqualified to be assisted by FEMA.

"…CARE fills in the gaps," she said. "That is kind of our role."

CARE ended its long-term recovery efforts for Typhoon Soudelor only in August 2018. Altogether, about 600 homes were built by the organization, all for less than $1 million, Ogumoro noted.

She said the $300,000 donation from the TSL Foundation and TanHoldings Corp. last Monday "is a huge step in the direction of the rebuilding of homes and lives."

Oguomoro said it would be ideal for the organization if the CNMI Legislature gets involved.

"Hopefully, we get money from the Legislature because $300,000 for thousands of damaged homes is an incredible amount of money to start the process, but we know that it took more than that to take care of Soudelor-damaged homes," she said.

She further noted that CARE addresses the needs of residents on a case-by-case system—the amount of assistance depends on the amount of damage and the needs of the applicant.

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Senator: Fund PSS, NMC recovery

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A Saipan senator believes the Legislature should be involved in the recovery efforts of the Public School System and the Northern Marianas College, which both sustained massive damage in the wake of Super Typhoon Yutu.

Sen. Justo Quitugua (Ind-Saipan), who also chairs the Senate Committee on Education and Youth Affairs, believes that funding should be funneled toward the recovery efforts of both educational institutions.

"The Legislature must look into how they can assist NMC and PSS in their [recovery], particularly with their infrastructure so we can build a more permanent structure that can withstand strong storms in the future," he said, adding that typhoon-resistant structures should be paramount.

He noted that high school and college seniors are bearing the brunt of the impact as it may affect their educational plans.

In a previous Board of Education meeting, interim Education commissioner Glenn Muña reported to the board that roughly 100 percent of Hopwood Middle School sustained damage from Super Typhoon Yutu. San Vicente Elementary School had almost half of its classrooms damaged, while extensive damage was also noted at the Francisco M. Mendiola Middle School and many others.

NMC's gym, among several of their buildings, sustained heavy damage as its entire roof was blown away. Water damaged some of the college's electrical systems and affected even some of their books.

In a previous interview with *Saipan Tribune*, NMC acting president Frankie Eliptico noted that he would be "aggressively" pushing for more typhoon-resistant structures to avoid repeats of heavy storm damage.

"A lot of the PSS structures were built right after Typhoon Jean in 1968," said Quitugua, adding that Typhoon Jean also heavily damaged the homes and structures of NMI residents that time. "It's time to reassess the infrastructure needs of PSS and do something to improve it," adding that this would be one of his goals in the upcoming 21st Legislature.

Quitugua won the 2018 elections and would be representing Saipan in the 21st Senate.

He noted that he would also be following up on the master plans for NMC's infrastructure improvements, which he discussed with former NMC president Dr. Carmen Fernandez during his time at the House of Representatives and again during Fernandez's second term as NMC president.

"I am really interested [in NMC infrastructure improvements] to convince our students into staying here and attending NMC," he said.

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Small Business Saturday is Nov. 24

This Saturday, Nov. 24, the nation celebrates Small Business Saturday, a nationwide program celebrating small businesses' impact across communities.

It is one day each year specifically set aside to support small businesses across the United States. Small Business Saturday reminds everyone that each purchase plays a key role in helping the small businesses.

The Saipan Young Professionals, an official committee of the Saipan Chamber of Commerce, will be spearheading local observance of the event.

SYP chair Shayne Villanueva is challenging the islands to #ShopSmall this week to support at least three small businesses in the community, snap a photo, and share to Facebook or Instagram using hashtags #ShopSmallCNMI, #SmallBizSaturday, and #MarianasStrong. ***(PR)***

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TanHoldings president Jerry Tan announced Monday that their family and their company's charitable arm had committed to give $300,000 to the Commonwealth Advocates for Recovery Efforts, and $200,000 each to the American Red Cross-NMI Chapter, and CNMI Mass Care. They would evaluate which organization would receive the remaining $300,000.

Torres, who appeared overcome and slightly teary-eyed upon learning of the donation, said he is floored by the Tan family's help.

"We have companies that donated $100,000 or $200,000, but this [$1 million] is beyond words," he said. "So, again thank you to the whole family, the people, and the company. They are [helping] the people who are greatly in need. …Jerry, our people will be forever grateful for the Tan family."

He added that companies usually reach out to the community as part of their corporate social responsibility but the Tan family goes beyond that with its generous contribution. "Jerry can live anywhere in the world but he chose to be here on Saipan. He made the CNMI his home and you could see his love of our people here. On behalf of the people of the CNMI, thank you. I don't even know what to say. We've been hit so many times in the last three years. This company and this family never fail to contribute to the community."

Torres said the beneficiary organizations would use the money for the people who need it most. "Every bottle and blanket goes a long way, and $1 million is going to go a long way. I know the Red Cross, CARE, and all the organizations would put that to the right people and the right homes who truly need it."

"We have a long way to go. For the Red Cross, the NGOs, and the [Federal Emergency Management Agency], thank you for not giving up on us. Even after Typhoon Soudelor, it took us two years to rebuild and it will take us a couple of years to rebuild after Yutu."

"But I know one thing, aside from being resilient, we're going to build a stronger CNMI. On behalf of the CNMI, thank you and it is truly a blessing to be here in the CNMI. I am blessed to call this home and I know all of you are," Torres added.

Updating the family

Tan said he witnessed the devastation of Yutu firsthand. Seeing the damage himself plus the numbers given by the government and the American Red Cross, he was able to present a clearer picture to his family about the CNMI's situation. He was in Hong Kong last Friday to talk to his father and the rest of the family.

"The CNMI is my home. I grew up in Guam and Saipan so I also had experienced typhoons. I was not here during Typhoon Soudelor but I was here during Yutu. The very next day, I drove down, parked my car, and walked into Chalan Kanoa. Just a couple of blocks away, I couldn't believe my eyes. So, from Day 1 we need a lot of help and we have the Red Cross, FEMA, and other organizations here."

"Many of my friends ask me to tell them what has happened and I feel so bad because the last few weeks, the words that I used is 'catastrophic,' 'massive,' and 'devastation'. Words that we don't want to use but I have to use all of them, repeatedly in order to describe to our friends what happened to Saipan and Tinian."

He added that seeing the level of devastation was heartbreaking. "So, it was not difficult for me to ask my family and the foundation to help. Like I said, this is our home."

Tan said he flew to Hong Kong last Friday to meet his family. "I flew to Hong Kong and gave my presentation to my dad. Just to let him know what happened. We also have a better understanding when the governor and Red Cross gave us numbers on the extent of the damage."

"When I asked my dad for $1 million, I thought I have to spend 30 minutes to convince him. It took him five seconds. He said 'do it'. So, I am very happy. I left right away, before he changes his mind," added Tan in a lighthearted moment that drew laughs from the crowd that witnessed Monday's event at the Kanoa Resort's lobby.

"He told me to stay for lunch. So, for $1 million I'll stay as long as he doesn't change his mind. I updated the family and they also gave their support. There are many good people here on the island. Everybody is doing their share and TanHoldings, we're doing our share. We're happy to see many of our partners and our community once again deal with the aftermath. In the end, we'll be okay because we're Marianas strong."

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the 16-by-16 tent, where they sleep at night with the aid of two electric fans. A generator provides them electric power.

"The tent is very helpful. It's like a house. It's waterproof," Yugummang said, adding that mosquitoes could not enter the tent.

That, at least, solves a host of Yugummang's pressing problems. He could focus now on how to rebuild his home due to lack of construction materials.

Yugummang went last week to the Koblerville Fire Station, where he asked the Federal Emergency Management Agency for a tent because his house's roof had been blown away. After FEMA approved his request, U.S. military and DFEMS personnel came and installed the tent.

Yugummang, who is originally from Yap, said that when they learned that Yutu was going to be strong enough to level their house, he and his family moved to his sister's concrete house next to the Northern Marianas College.

When they returned the following morning, the tin roof of their house was gone.

Many of Yugummang's neighbors also have similar experiences. Now, like Yugummang, they also have tents next to their homes.

Antonia Aldan, 67, got a tent; her son got one too.

The two tents were installed by military and DFEMS personnel last Friday next to Aldan's house along Knight Road corner Texas Road in Susupe.

Near Aldan's house are the homes of her son and her daughter. Aldan said her house has no roof anymore, while his two children's houses were also severely damaged by Yutu.

She said the military installed the two tents in only 30 minutes.

Aldan, her husband, her daughter, and her son and his family would sleep in the two tents.

Aldan said it was her daughter-in-law and her other daughter who applied for the tents with FEMA, and provided them with two tents.

"It's hot during daytime. But it's good at night time, we got fresh air. Everything is closed so no mosquitoes," she said.

Aldan said they would just unroll the cover of the window's tent when it's raining.

"It's really helpful," Aldan said.

The families have placed beds inside the tents.

Next to the tents, the U.S. and CNMI flags are erected on a small tree.

Many other houses near Aldan's also have tents.

A resident of Koblerville who prefers to be called Jose said he was surprised to see a lot of military trucks in their area over the weekend.

Jose said many military tents were also put up in the village. "It's like a war zone," he said.

Yutu hit the CNMI last Oct. 24.

DFEMS spokesman Derek Gersonde said teamwork between FEMA, the CNMI government, the U.S. Air Force, and the U.S. Army has helped recovery efforts.

As of yesterday, 458 tents have been installed and they are installing more on the island.

Gersonde said DFEMS is setting up the tents with the Army Reserve and National Guard.

He said the Air Force is conducting the assessments, while DFEMS and Army Reserve and National Guard are setting up the tents.

Under the newly-created Temporary Emergency Tent and Roofing Installation Support program, or TETRIS, priority assistance is given to families whose homes sustained major damage or were completely destroyed by Yutu.

TETRIS, which was created through a collaboration between FEMA and the CNMI government, aims to help storm-impacted residents returning to or remaining in their homes while permanent repairs are being completed.

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The remaining four feeders that still have no power are Kiya 1 to 4.

The areas under Kiya 1 to 4 feeders are Sugar King, Gualo Rai, As Terlaje, Airport Road, Northern Marianas College area, Dandan, Koblerville, Herman Road, Obyan area, Kannat Tabla, As Lito, Chalan Kanoa, Oleai, Susupe, Chalan Piao, Afetnas, and San Antonio.

Last Saturday, CUC energized the area from the "Adios" sign on Airport Road to the Commonwealth Ports Authority.

CUC has collected a total of 510 transformers so far—362 on Saipan and 148 on Tinian.

CUC inspectors and meter readers have retrieved 2,712 meters from damaged locations, households, and facilities with safety concerns.

The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency continues to assist CUC power personnel collect and record damaged transformers and will coordinate shipping of the damaged transformers for disposal.

Camacho said these assessments are needed to determine transformers that are damaged and return those that are deemed to be in good working condition.

As for water distribution, Camacho said that 82 out of 131 water wells have been up and running since last Saturday.

With Federal Emergency Management Agency generators and CUC power grid system continuing to supply energy to the water wells, CUC's water division will soon energize the water distribution system throughout the island.

This will be done, he said, in order to scout for leaks and test the different tank service area sections for the water scheduled hours.

On Tinian, power and water equipment and vehicles arrived last Saturday. Camacho said all power feeders remain offline but station power is on at the CUC Tinian Power Plant from 6am to 6pm.

There were 797 downed or damaged power poles, 105 damaged transformers, and 507,015 feet of damaged wires.

LEGISLATORS

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(R-Saipan) introduced H.B. 20-194 as the current Legislature needs to act on the measure or the incoming members of the 21st would be receiving $8,000 as annual salary based on the Supreme Court ruling last September.

H.B. 20-194 would keep the annual salaries of the lawmakers at $39,300 or the same amount before the controversial Public Law 19-83 that could have increased it to $70,000. The Supreme Court ruled P.L. 19-83, including PLs 4-32 and 7-31, as unconstitutional.

The $39,300 compensation was based on the recommendation made by the Advisory Commission on the Compensation of Commonwealth Executive, Legislative, and Judicial Officers. Members of the 20th Legislature are receiving the same amount.

The $8,000 was the salary received by the inaugural Legislature before it increased to $30,000 in 1985 and $39,300 in 1991. P.L. 19-83 could have increased it to $70,000 but the CNMI Supreme Court, in *Manibusan v. Larson*, ruled the salary hike was unconstitutional including in the previous P.L.s 4-32 and 7-31.

The commission was formed based on Section 3 of Public Law 20-71 and is in accordance with Article II Section X of the CNMI Constitution. They are tasked to review the salary increases for the three branches of the government if it was calculated based from a specific accepted composite price index.

Senate President Arnold I. Paalcios (R-Saipan), Senate vice president Steve K. Mesngon (R-Rota), floor leader Francisco M. Borja (R-Tinian), and Sens. Francisco Q. Cruz (R-Tinian), Jude U. Hofschneider (R-Tinian), and Sixto K. Igisomar (R-Saipan) voted yes. Sens. Teresita A. Santos (R-Rota) and Paul A. Manglona (Ind-Rota) were excused.

Sen. Justo S. Quitugua (Ind-Saipan) voted no saying that he could have supported H.B. 20-194 if the commission based their recommendation on the U.S. consumer price index. "The commission did not follow the U.S. CPI, instead they looked at the hourly weighted salary and cost of living allowance and came out with their own CPI."

"They decided to keep the salaries at the current. The new formula they established indicated that the adjusted salary ceiling is $47,000. However, to be on the safe side, they recommended the salary at status quo."

Quitugua said the commission's report was based on the U.S. CPI where members of the Legislature should receive an annual salary of $32,312.19 and their own computation that's based on the hourly rate and the inflationary adjustment to came out with $47,555.47.

"However, the commission recommended that salary will remain at $39,300. If. I'm going to support the new salary, I will support it based on U.S. CPI which is $32,000. That's why I voted no," added Quitugua, who does not receive a salary since being a retiree.

"I actually will not be part of the new salary. Also, there's five of us in the Senate that perhaps will not be receiving salary next year, and so that's where I stand in voting no. Returning members of the Legislature are allowed by the CNMI Constitution because it is saying if they pass this in 21st Legislature that cannot receive the salary. There's no conflict of interest."

Young girl donates to CNMI typhoon relief drive

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO

Jayden Clark, an elementary student from Bishop Baumgartner Catholic School, left, poses with Ayuda Foundation board member and former senator Frank Blas Jr. after she and her father dropped off her donations for Ayuda's CNMI typhoon relief drive.

A young student from Guam, upon learning about Super Typhoon Yutu that hit the CNMI, took it upon herself to do something about it and help out.

Jayden Clark, an elementary student from Bishop Baumgartner Catholic School, asked her father if she could do something for people who lost everything.

Her father, Don Clark, took Jayden to a store where Jayden bought a box of disposable diapers, some canned food, garbage bags, cleansing wipes, and work towels.

After buying the items, Jayden and her father visited the Ayuda Foundation's CNMI typhoon relief loading site where they donated the items that Jayden purchased.

When asked what inspired her to donate, Jayden said that she wanted to do what she could to help because that's what God would want us to do. ***(Ayuda Foundation)***

Tropical Storm Condition 3 declared for Rota

The island of Rota has been placed on Tropical Storm Condition 3 due to the current threat brought by Tropical Depression 34W, which was previously known as Tropical Disturbance 92W.

As of 2pm yesterday, acting governor Victor B. Hocog declared Tropical Storm Condition 3 for Rota.

Tropical Storm Condition 3 means damaging winds of 39-73 mph are possible within 48 hours.

The system was seen packing winds of 30 mph as of 2pm, but is expected to intensify drastically overnight into a tropical storm.

Guam has also been put on tropical storm watch as of 2pm yesterday.

Tropical Depression 34W, previously called Tropical Disturbance 92W, was expected to pass south of Guam this week but had intensified and continued west-northwest.

According to the National Weather Service in Guam, at 1pm yesterday, the center of Tropical Depression 34W was located near latitude 5.0 degrees north and longitude 155.1 degrees east.

Tropical Depression 34W is moving west-northwest at 13 mph and is expected to continue in this direction but its forward speed will gradually increase through Thursday.

Maximum sustained winds remain at 30 mph, but Tropical Depression 34W is expected to intensify through Thursday, becoming a tropical storm.

The CNMI Emergency Operations Center State Warning Point will continue to monitor the movement of Tropical Depression 34W and will issue bulletins as they become available.

The CNMI community is urged to keep a close watch on updates to weather forecasts and stay informed on the latest statements and advisories that will be available through local media sources. ***(Kimberly A. Bautista)***

Police storm PNG Parliament for APEC summit pay

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Disgruntled police and prison guards stormed Papua New Guinea's Parliament on Tuesday in a pay dispute that stemmed from an international summit hosted by the South Pacific island nation over the weekend, a lawmaker said.

Images posted by opposition lawmaker Bryan Kramer on social media showed broken windows, smashed furniture, framed pictures torn from corridor walls and plants tipped over.

Kramer said the protesters had not been paid allowances for their security work at a Pacific Rim leaders' summit held in Port Moresby. The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation meeting was attended by U.S. Vice President Mike Pence, Chinese President Xi Jinping, Japan's Prime Minister Shinzo Abe and others.

Following the rampage, about 100 police and guards waited outside Parliament demanding to be addressed by the government about their allowances, Kramer said.

"The situation here is quite tense," Kramer said from Parliament on social media. "Numerous staff of parliament were assaulted during this confrontation."

Working police later provided security for parliamentary staff in the building and patrolled surrounding streets.

Neither Prime Minister Peter O'Neill's office nor Police Chief Superintendent Dominic Kakas immediately responded to requests for comment.

Kramer also did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Papua New Guinea is a largely undeveloped Pacific nation of more than 8 million mostly subsistence farmers with widespread poverty, corruption and lawlessness.

The annual APEC summit brought together representatives of 21 nations that account for 60 percent of the world economy.

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A bi-weekly update from the Marianas Visitors Authority

"Ganbatte" Spirit!

Although buffeted by declining Japanese arrivals in recent years, the pullout of direct flights from Japan in May, and the devastation of businesses and homes by Super Typhoon Yutu, a small but tenacious group of Japanese businesses and organizations in The Marianas are showing true "ganbatte" spirit in the aftermath of the storm.

"Ganbette!," a term often heard during the sweat-drenched final miles of local sporting events that attract visitors from Japan, is loosely translated as, "Let's do our best!" or "Hang tough!" For businesses waiting for the return of tourists, it's also a rallying cry for post-Yutu recovery.

"I have no work now, no job," said Takahashi Suguru, Northern Marianas Diving Operators Association (NMDOA) Director. "That's why (since) I have time to spend, I'm going to volunteer to help this island."

NMDOA, Japan Society of the Northern Mariana Islands, H.I.S., PDI and other businesses and organizations are putting in sweat hours to help The Marianas recover, including the clearing of Laulau Beach dive site access beginning just four days after the typhoon. Stymied in reaching their goal by a washed-out road, in the true spirit of "ganbatte" the group returned to the site via the precarious route through Kagman, completing their road access and beach clearing mission and now just awaiting the repair of the road for the site to be fully restored.

Before heading out for another day of hot labor under the sun yesterday (Nov. 19), H.I.S. GM Ryoma Arai was also realistic, yet hopefully, about the state of the Japanese tourist market.

"Actually, it's bad looking," Arai admitted. "For the Japanese market, there's still no direct flight. It's now a bad situation. But maybe...the future it will be good, so we have to prepare for the market. This cleanup is one of our to-dos. We like to help, and maybe later this hard work will come back to (help) us."

The group also joined the Marianas Visitors Authority and other offices and organizations in clearing debris earlier this month at the Saipan International Airport, which reopened to regular daytime flights on Nov. 15, 2018. In the fluctuations of a tourism industry, the "ganbatte" spirit is a perfect attitude for overcoming challenges and moving forward toward common success.

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Rotary distributes over 200 meals for Thanksgiving

Over 200 meals were distributed at the Office on Aging Center yesterday morning as part of the annual Rotary Club of Saipan's Thanksgiving meal distributions.

Rotary Club president Greg Borja noted that 224 meals were given away. "This is an annual tradition of the Rotary Club of providing Thanksgiving lunch to the *man'amko*," Borja said.

The club gave meals to Aging Center regulars and to some of the *man'amko* who are homebound.

Regulars who were at other shelters such as the Gregorio T. Camacho Elementary School or the Tanapag Middle School had their meals delivered to them .

"…Regular shelter folk are already provided meals, so we did not want to duplicate the effort," he added.

Because of Super Typhoon Yutu, Rotary youth members were not involved this year.

"…We were not able to do it this year because the Saipan Aging Center is being used as a shelter," he said. ***(Erwin Encinares)***

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Free clothing drive this Saturday

Typhoon survivors in need of clothes are invited to stop by the Joeten Daidai Social Hall in Chalan Kanoa this Saturday, Nov. 24, from 3pm to 6pm. This free clothing drive is hosted by Empty Vessel Ministry Foundation, with support from the Diocese of Chalan Kanoa. For more information, call Vei at 285-5334 or Tina at 285-3935.

Free bento from Korean Association

The Korean Association on Saipan will be giving away free bento to the community at the following locations beginning 11:30am. Up to 200-300 bento will be prepared every day. The items will be given away on a first-come, first-serve basis.

- Nov. 21: Mt. Carmel Church
- Nov. 22: Big Bell Construction, across Hanam, Koblerville
- Nov. 23: Dandan HiMart

Next week will be at the same locations. For more information, contact Mr. Kim at 287-3839. ***(PR)***

Drinking water distribution

The CNMI government and the U.S. Department of Defense will be facilitating the distribution of drinkable water at the reverse osmosis station at Pakpak Beach in San Antonio. It is open daily Monday to Sunday, from 7:30am to 6pm. Residents must bring their own clean water containers There is a limit of five 5-gallon water bottles per household. ***(PR)***

Water refilling stations

The U.S. Department of Defense will be providing drinkable water at the water buffalo filling station at the Koblerville Fire Station and Mt. Carmel Cathedral field. The water buffalos are completely self-serve. Residents must bring their own clean water containers. The stations are open daily, from 8am to 6pm. There is a limit of 25 gallons per household. ***(PR)***

Thanksgiving hours of transfer station, Marpi landfill

In observance of Thanksgiving Day, the Lower Base Transfer Station and the Marpi landfill will be closed all day on Thursday, Nov. 22, 2018. Normal operations will resume on Friday, Nov. 23, 2018. ***(PR)***

Bank of Guam Thanksgiving hours

Bank of Guam announces the following holiday hours for Thanksgiving:

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- Nov. 23, Friday: Closed
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Fiji leader sworn in for 4 more years after winning election

WELLINGTON, New Zealand (AP)—Fiji's leader was sworn in for four more years Tuesday after winning an election with a reduced majority, after earlier lashing out at his opponents.

Voreqe Bainimarama was affirmed prime minister in a ceremony in the capital Suva after his FijiFirst Party won just over half the votes in last week's election, giving them 27 seats in Fiji's 51-seat parliament.

Bainimarama first seized power in a military coup in 2006 and refashioned himself as a legitimate leader after winning an election in 2014. Many people in the nation of 920,000 seem appreciative of the economic gains they've made in recent years.

Bainimarama said in a statement this week that people had "ganged up" against his party.

"Despite the joint forces of opposition that started their campaign based on lies, hate and fear against us four years ago, we have triumphed," he said.

He said his opponents "were willing to create economic chaos and undermine our economic future in their greed to win government."

Bainimarama said his opponents had been "aided and abetted" by the Fiji Times newspaper, which many people consider to be the last independent media voice in a country where many news outlets kowtow to the government. A judge in May found an opinion writer and three executives at the newspaper company not guilty of sedition in a trial many believe was politically motivated.

AP

In this Nov. 7, 2018, photo, a FijiFirst poster with the image of Fiji Prime Minister Frank Bainimarama is displayed at the entrance to a village in Nausori, Fiji.

The election last Wednesday was marred by heavy rainfall. In an interview with Radio New Zealand, Bainimarama blamed the weather for his reduced majority from four years ago, when his party won almost 60 percent of the vote. He said he had no plans to leave politics.

"I'll be here until I decide otherwise," he said, before abruptly ending the interview.

The main opposition party was also led by a former strongman, Sitiveni Rabuka, who led two racially charged coups in 1987. Rabuka said it was time for Fiji to move on from both him and Bainimarama.

"Those of us involved in coups are getting old now and we are a passing generation," he told Radio New Zealand. "Very soon we will have a responsible younger generation of leaders taking over."

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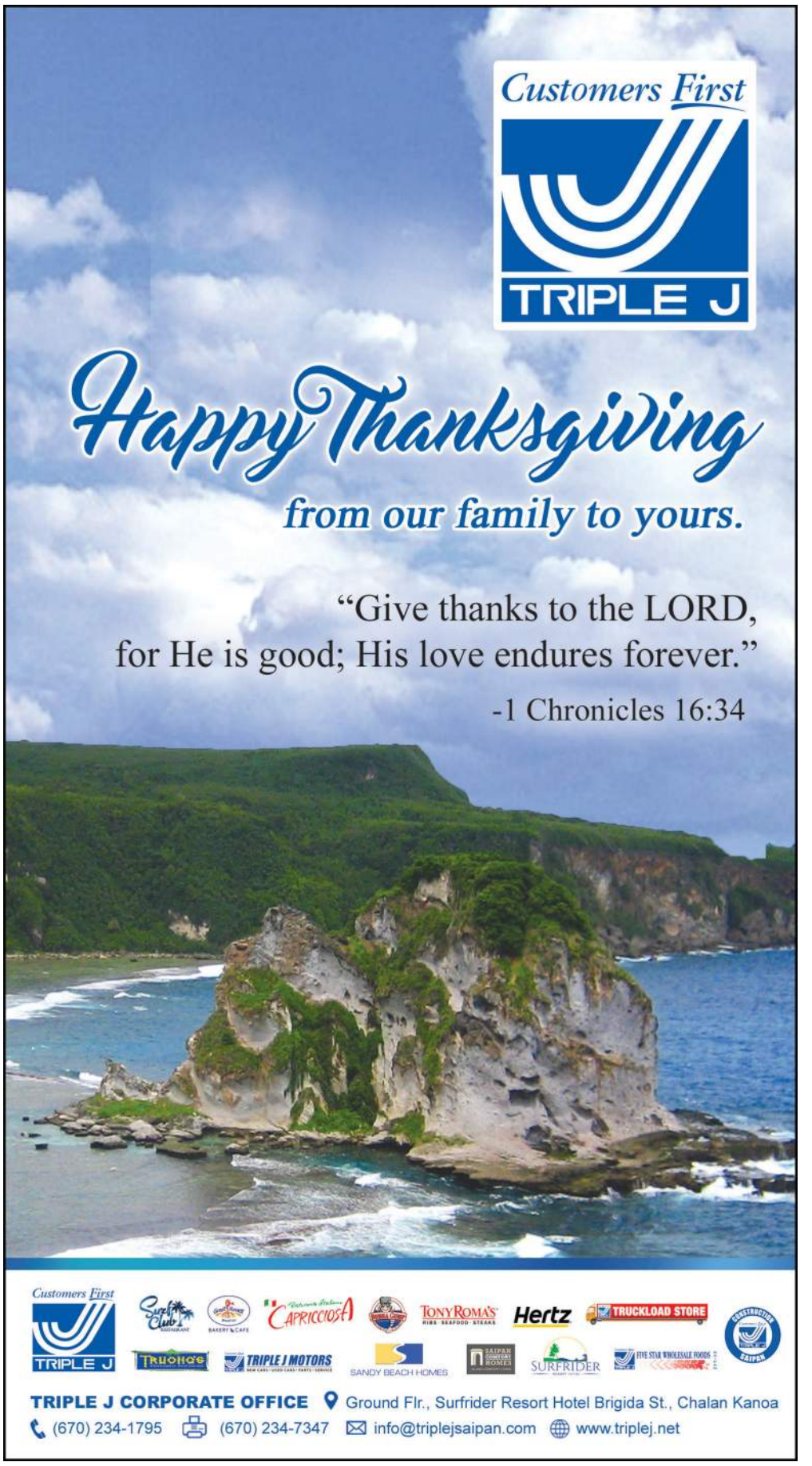

CNMI govt employees get four-day weekend

Gov. Ralph DLG Torres has allowed CNMI government employees to take a leave this Friday, effectively giving them a four-day weekend.

In a memorandum yesterday for all department and activity heads and employees, Torres is authorizing non-critical employees of the Commonwealth government to take an administrative leave this Friday, Nov. 23, 2018.

With Thursday being the Thanksgiving holiday, that combines four days off for government employees.

"As we move forward in our recovery efforts from both Typhoon Mangkhut and Super Typhoon Yutu, we are reminded of the hard work being done every day by our local and federal first responders. I want to express my sincerest gratitude to our CNMI Emergency Operations Center staff, the CNMI Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, [Federal Emergency Management Agency], the Department of Defense, the American Red Cross, our law enforcement officers, our volunteer organizations, and our private sector partners. During this critical time when our islands need it the most, your commitment to service and your unwavering generosity are the reasons we will recover swiftly.

"With relief assistance coming in from all parts of the country and around the world and seeing the work we have accomplished together, we really have much to be grateful for this past year. To our government employees, thank you all for your hard work and service to improve these islands we call home.

"Let us continue to rebuild our islands stronger and more resilient than ever before. I hope you and your families have a wonderful Thanksgiving," stated Torres's memo. ***(Saipan Tribune)***

My family and I would like to extend our sincere gratitude and appreciation for your vote of confidence in the election. We are forever indebted to you for your untiring efforts and support.

Furthermore, we would like to extend our congratulations to all the winners and wish them luck in their endeavors.

Olomwaay, Si Yu'us Ma'ase and Thank you.

Happy Thanksgiving.

Respectfully yours,
Luis Selepeo Tilipao

CHCC warns vs leptospirosis

The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp. has recently received a report of a possible leptospirosis case.

Leptospirosis is preventable and precautions should be taken when swimming, stepping, or coming in contact with standing water that could be contaminated with animal urine or feces.

Leptospirosis is a bacterial disease. The bacteria that causes leptospirosis are spread through the urine of infected animals, which can get into water or soil and can survive there for weeks to months. Many animals can spread leptospirosis, including but not limited to pigs, dogs, goats, cattle, horses, rats, and other rodents.

Common symptoms of leptospirosis include fever, chills, headache, muscle aches, vomiting, diarrhea, abdominal pain, yellowing of the skin and eyes (jaundice), skin rash, and red eyes

Steps for prevention

Do not walk or swim in water that might be contaminated with animal urine.

Eliminate contact with potentially infected animals.

Protective clothing or footwear should be worn by those exposed to contaminated water or soil because of their job or recreational activities.

If you suspect leptospirosis

Contact your primary care provider or visit the Commonwealth Health Center.

If your provider suspects you have contracted leptospirosis, they will likely give you antibiotics.

Treatment is most effective when patients start as soon as possible and adhere to the treatment plan through completion. ***(PR)***

BOH extends hours of Gualo Rai branch

Bank of Hawaii has extended the hours of its Gualo Rai branch on Saipan.

Since Oct. 30, the branch has been operating on a 9am to 1pm schedule, Monday through Saturday, due to Super Typhoon Yutu.

Starting yesterday, Tuesday, Nov. 20, the Gualo Rai branch will extend its hours until 3pm Monday through Friday until further notice.

The new Gualo Rai Branch operating hours are:

- Monday through Friday: 9am – 3pm
- Saturday: 9am – 1pm
- Sundays: closed

Bank of Hawaii ATMs are available on a limited basis, as they are currently operating on generators. Gualo Rai Branch has two ATMs, and the schedule is as follows:

- Monday through Saturday: 8am – 5pm
- Sunday: 8am – 1pm

Additionally, Bank of Hawaii's two offsite ATMs are located at Fiesta Resort & Spa and Joeten Hafa-Adai Shopping Center, and the schedule is as follows:

- Monday to Saturday: 8am – 6pm
- Sunday: 8am – 1pm

Call Center operations, based in Kapolei, Oahu, remain open to assist customers. Online and mobile banking services will continue to operate unless power interruptions are experienced. Bank of Hawaii will also place public updates on all of its social media platforms (Facebook: www.facebook.com/bankofhawaii, Instagram: www.instagram.com/bankofhawaii and Twitter: www.twitter.com/bankofhawaii), as well as its website: www.boh.com. ***(PR)***

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Applications sought for grant funds for territories, FAS

The grant application process to apply for grant funding through the Office of Insular Affairs is open.

Funding applications may now be submitted through March 1, 2019, through three Interior programs: technical assistance program, maintenance assistance program, and the brown tree snake program.

"We encourage quality applications that may align with these broad priorities and will provide programs and activities to benefit and help people in these areas," said Doug Domenech, U.S. Department of the Interior assistant secretary, insular and international affairs.

Those broad priorities are restoring trust and being a good neighbor, ensuring insular areas, and protecting people and the border.

OIA grant programs are intended for the benefit of the U.S. territories of Guam, American Samoa, the U.S. Virgin Islands, the CNMI, and the freely associated states of the Federated States of Micronesia, the Republic of the Marshall Islands, and the Republic of Palau.

Those eligible to apply may generally be non-federal entities such as local government agencies, local hospitals/health centers, local utilities, or institutes of higher education in Guam; however for specific details on eligibility refer to specific program instructions on the OIA website:

■ **Technical assistance program** are short-term projects intended to meet the immediate needs of the insular areas in a wide range of funding priorities including, but not limited to, projects that foster the development of the insular areas in accountability, financial management, economic development, education, energy production, management control initiatives, disaster assistance, natural and cultural resources, capacity building, public safety/emergencies, health initiatives, and invasive species management.

■ **Maintenance assistance program** aims to support, develop, improve and, as much as possible, institutionalize infrastructure maintenance practices in the seven insular areas.

■ **Brown tree snake control program** aims to prevent dispersal of the brown tree snake from Guam to other geographic areas and fund research in support of population suppression with the ultimate goal of eradication.

The deadline to apply for these grants is March 1, 2019.

Most funding will begin to be awarded once OIA receives full year appropriations. OIA reviews grant applications and awards grants each year until funding is exhausted.

Instructions on how to apply and specific information on the various programs funded through the Office of Insular Affairs may be found on the OIA website.

The coral reef and natural resources initiative and the energizing island communities programs are not currently open for applications. Updates and announcements will be made as soon as funding is available and OIA begins to accept applications which is likely to be in early 2019. ***(PR)***

Garapan RO station closes

The reverse osmosis station at the Garapan Fishing Base ended their drinkable water filling station operations yesterday, Nov. 20. Residents will still be able to find drinkable water at the RO station at Pak Pak Beach in San Antonio, which is open Monday through Sunday from 7:30am to 6pm. Residents must bring their own clean water containers and are limited to five 5-gallon water bottles per household. ***(PR)***

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SBA tops $1 million in disaster assistance loans

S A C R A M E N T O , Calif.—The U.S. Small Business Administration has approved more than $1.5 million in federal disaster loans for CNMI businesses and residents.

According to director Tanya N. Garfield of the SBA's Disaster Field Operations Center-West yesterday, SBA has approved $25,100 for businesses and $927,300 for residents for Typhoon Mangkhut; and $587,200 for residents for Super Typhoon Yutu to help rebuild and recover from these disasters.

"SBA's disaster assistance employees are committed to helping businesses and residents rebuild as quickly as possible," said Garfield.

Businesses and residents who sustained damage are encouraged to register prior to the deadline with the Federal Emergency Management Agency at www.disasterassistance.gov.

"Don't miss out on any assistance you may be entitled to by not registering for help. You don't need to wait for your insurance to settle or obtain a contractor's estimate," she added.

SBA continues to provide one-on-one assistance to disaster loan applicants at the following locations on the days and times indicated. No appointment is necessary.

- **ROTA**
  Disaster Recovery Center
  Youth Center, Sinapalo
  Monday - Wednesday, 9am – 6pm
  Closes 6pm Wednesday, Nov.21

- **ROTA**
  Disaster Loan Outreach Center
  Rota Mayor's Office, Songsong
  Opens 7:30am Friday, Nov. 23
  Mondays – Fridays, 7:30am – 4:30pm

- **SAIPAN**
  Business Recovery Center
  Saipan Chamber of Commerce
  Marianas Business Plaza, 3rd floor, Suite 315
  Mondays - Saturdays, 8am - 4pm
  Closed for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22

- **SAIPAN**
  Disaster Recovery Center
  Pedro P. Tenorio Multi-Purpose Center
  Mondays – Fridays, 9am - 6pm
  Saturdays, 10am - 4pm
  Closed for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22

- **TINIAN**
  Disaster Recovery Center
  Department of Commerce, San Jose
  Monday – Tuesday, 9:30am - 3pm
  Effective Wednesday, Nov. 21:
  Mondays - Fridays, 9am - 6pm
  Saturdays, 10am - 4pm
  Closed for Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 22

For small businesses and most private nonprofit organizations of all sizes, SBA offers economic injury disaster loans to help meet working capital needs caused by the disaster. Economic injury assistance is available regardless of whether the business suffered any property damage. These economic injury disaster loans are available in Rota, Saipan, and Tinian for Typhoon Mangkhut and the Northern Islands, Rota, Saipan, and Tinian for Super Typhoon Yutu.

Businesses of all sizes and private nonprofit organizations may borrow up to $2 million to repair or replace damaged or destroyed real estate, machinery and equipment, inventory and other business assets. The SBA can also lend additional funds to help business and residents with the cost of making improvements that protect, prevent or minimize the same type of disaster damage from occurring in the future.

Disaster loans up to $200,000 are available to homeowners to repair or replace their damaged or destroyed primary residence. Homeowners and renters are eligible for up to $40,000 to repair or replace damaged or destroyed personal property. These low-interest federal disaster loans are available on Rota, Saipan, and Tinian.

Applicants may apply online, receive additional disaster assistance information and download applications at https://disasterloan.sba.gov/ela. Applicants may also call SBA's Customer Service Center at (800) 659-2955 or email disastercustomerservice@sba.gov for more information on SBA disaster assistance. Individuals who are deaf or hardofhearing may call (800) 877-8339. Completed applications should be mailed to U.S. Small Business Administration, Processing and Disbursement Center, 14925 Kingsport Road, Fort - Worth, TX 76155.

The deadline to apply for property damage for Typhoon Mangkhut is Jan. 27, 2019. The deadline to apply for economic injury is July 1, 2019.

The deadline to apply for property damage for Super Typhoon Yutu is Jan. 27, 2019. The deadline to apply for economic injury is July 26, 2019. ***(SBA)***

GUAM STOPOVER
Vice President Mike Pence, accompanied by his wife, Karen, shakes hands with several well-wishers who met him during Air Force Two's brief stop at the Anderson Air Force Base in Guam last Sunday. Pence was coming from the two-day Asia Pacific Economic Cooperation Summit in Port Moresby, Papua New Guinea. The airplane he was on landed at around 5pm. BRUCE LLOYD

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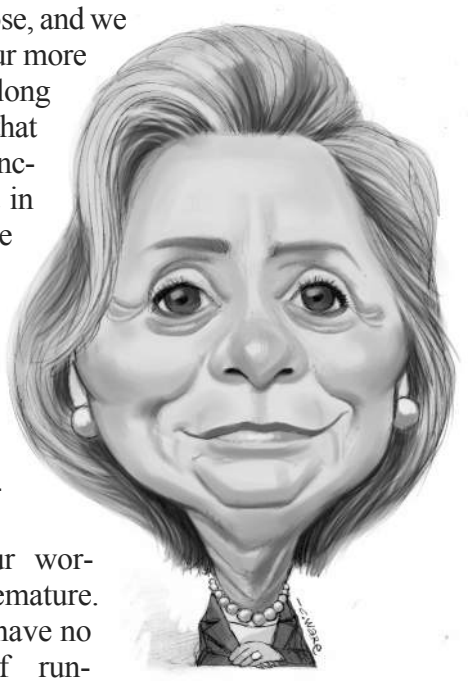
Please, Hillary, don't do it

Dear Hillary,

Don't do it. Spare us all. Walk away.

You may be dying to run for president again. But from all of us sporting those bumper stickers that say "Any functioning adult 2020", we beg you: Don't.

It's not that you're not a functioning adult. It's that you would lose, and we would go four more agonizingly long years with that same non-functioning adult in the White House. For those of us in the Anybody But Trump camp, you are a massive threat.



Maybe our worries are premature. Maybe you have no intention of running. Maybe the op-ed this week in the Wall Street Journal by your former pollster, Mark Penn, and New York politician Andrew Stein headlined "Hillary Will Run Again" is way off base. After all, they cite no real evidence that you're planning on it.

But forgive us for believing it might be so. After all, you yourself left the door wide open in an interview last month with Recode's Kara Swisher, telling her "I'd like to be president" and that it "would be work that I feel very well prepared for..."

Oh, lordy.

OK, so you would be very well prepared for it. Few people in the nation's history have a better resume for the job—US senator, Secretary of State, First Lady, Wellesley and Yale Law graduate. And you've been within sniffing distance of the job for decades. You even won the most votes two years ago.

We get why that would all justify a run in your mind. Except one thing. As you said in "What Happened," your book about the 2016 race:

"I have come to terms with the fact that a lot of

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Advice to presidential hopefuls: Tell the truth

By CASS SUNSTEIN
BLOOMBERG NEWS

"I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie."

Those words, attributed to George Washington at the age of 6, appeared in the fifth edition of Mason Locke Weems's "The Life of Washington," published in 1806.

In case you've forgotten the details of the story: Young George cut down a cherry tree, and when confronted by his father, he confessed, "I did cut it with my hatchet." Even as a kid, the nation's first president knew that lying was wrong. He told the truth.

It doesn't matter that the story was a myth. What matters is that it resonated: Lying was taboo.

The point was previously driven home by James Iredell, a respected lawyer who became a Supreme Court justice, in the North Carolina debates over ratification of the Constitution. Discussing the grounds for impeachment, Iredell said that a "president must certainly be punishable for giving false information to the Senate." What is most noteworthy is the emphasis on honesty—on the need for the president to tell the truth.

Washington's greatest successor was nicknamed "Honest Abe." Abraham Lincoln's wife wrote a friend that he "is almost monomaniac on the subject of honesty." Lincoln was a controversial figure. But Reverend Albert Hale, from the First Presbyterian Church of Springfield, Illinois, reported, "I have never heard even an enemy accuse him of intentional dishonesty."

As Lincoln himself put it, "I am glad of all the support I can get anywhere, if I can get it without practicing any deception to obtain it." He connected the commitment to truth-telling to democracy itself: "I am a firm believer in the people. If given the truth, they can be depended upon to meet any national crisis. The great point is to bring them the real facts, and beer."

What's the foundation of this deep commitment to truth-telling?

The most powerful philosophical accounts offer a simple answer: Lies treat people as mere objects. When you lie, you fail to respect the autonomy, and the dignity, of other people. You use them as means to your own ends. You cast contempt on them.

Drawing on the work of Immanuel Kant, Harvard's Christine Korsgaard urges, "To respect someone's autonomy, not to violate it, is to treat her as someone whose beliefs and actions are, and should be, controlled by her own reason." Sure, force or coercion can violate people's autonomy. But the same violation occurs when lies are used to undermine people's capacity to decide, for themselves, what to think or do. Korsgaard goes so far as to treat lies, along with force and coercion, as "the most fundamental forms of wrongdoing—the roots of all evil."

In the commercial domain, we can readily see the problem in cases of fraud—as, for example, when a company falsely markets a new medicine as a cure for diabetes, or tells consumers that a car has much better fuel economy than it actually does.

In such cases, lies are a kind of theft. But when people learn that sellers have lied to them, their feelings of outrage extend well beyond the loss of money. People hate it when they have been treated disrespectfully—when their sense of agency has been violated.

Iredell's strong words about "giving false information to the Senate" seem far afield, but they have a similar foundation. The president is supposed to treat the legislative branch with a certain measure of respect, at least in the sense that he is forbidden to lie to it. If he does, the national legislature is deprived of an essential capacity: to make its decisions with the requisite independence.

These points help to explain and to deepen the furor over President Donald Trump's willingness to lie—by some accounts, on thousands of occasions.

To be sure, Trump is hardly the first president to fail to tell the truth. But the sheer number of lies, and his execrable indifference to the question of truth or falsity, is not something that the United States has ever seen before.

Myths are not lies. Operating like fairy tales, they serve essential purposes. Passed down from one generation to another, they separate right from wrong. They establish norms: "I can't tell a lie, Pa; you know I can't tell a lie."

Here's a proposal for presidential aspirants: Insist on the importance of telling the truth. Not once, not twice, but over and over again, and then once more.

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Rural America's revival begins on campus

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All across America, university towns are thriving. Their skilled workforces and research activities draw in business investment, while their medical facilities and high quality of life attract residents from smaller rural towns.

As a result, there are a lot of ideas for how public policy can help turn small and decaying rural towns into slightly bigger and more prosperous college towns. One way is simply to start new universities and put them there, and in fact I once suggested that the federal government create a system of elite universities, much like the one that exists in India. (The idea is slowly becoming more popular.)

I have now come to believe, however, that this idea has inherent limitations. First, because the system would be so new, the number of national universities would start out relatively small. Second, a new university typically takes several decades to establish its elite credentials: Stanford, founded in 1885, took at least half a century to join the top ranks of private schools; Stony Brook University, founded in 1957, is only just now advancing into the elite echelon of public institutions.

There are other suggestions along these lines. One popular idea is to give universities incentives to build branch campuses in rural or declining areas. A new branch of the University of Michigan or Harvard would have instant respect and recognition, helping it hire faculty and attract students. But this idea also has drawbacks. As economists have shown, the main way universities help local economies is through research activity. (Undergraduates tend to move away after graduation, while research activity draws in smart workers and graduate students from around the country and the world.) Would Harvard or Michigan—or public officials in Cambridge and Ann Arbor—be willing to risk diluting the impact of the flagship campus by spending more money at branch campuses?

More fundamentally, there are very few populated regions left in the U.S. without a university, as this map illustrates. Granted, most of these schools aren't very well known or prestigious, yet they often have a profoundly positive impact on the local economy. New branch campuses could end up diverting students (and tuition dollars) from these smaller universities.

There is a better way: Build up the research capabilities of the country's existing smaller and less well-known colleges.

This can be done in two ways: with money and with land. More land would allow universities space to build new research facilities, or to create more cheap housing for faculty and students. Much like the land-grant acts of the 19th century, new federal legislation could focus on ways to expand lower-ranked existing universities in declining regions of the country.

Of course, open land is scarcer now than it was in the 19th century. So a more direct way to help these universities would be to increase federal research spending, which is too low. Studies suggest that the most efficient way to spend additional money is on lower-ranked institutions, which tend to produce more results per dollar:

Those research dollars would allow lower-ranked universities to create new labs, hire new researchers, and lure more private partnerships and investment. The goal should be to turn so-called R3 universities, with "moderate research activity," into more serious research institutions. The goal is not, to be clear, to try to transform these regions into the latest "next Silicon Valley." (That's hard enough for even larger cities; in a very few lucky cases, universities have managed to help create new technology clusters in regions that were previously in decline—Columbus and Pittsburgh, for example.) In order to compete with the big cities, rural America needs fewer small factory towns of 5,000 people and more small university cities of 50,000.

One of America's greatest strengths is its network of public and private universities. One of the country's greatest challenges is how to revitalize its rural areas. By upgrading the assets it already has, the U.S. can make regional economies more relevant and competitive. If the next Congress is looking for an effective economic policy to address the declining fortunes of rural America, it should help smaller, less well-known colleges expand their research activity and maximize their economic impact.

My college tried to give me an Irish name

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I just finished grading an essay by an otherwise diligent student who submitted his paper to Professor "Beracca." Basically, it's as if the kid played a whack-a-mole game with the letters in my name. He randomly assembled the consonants and vowels into a vague pattern and hoped for the best.

He got a passing grade. He spelled the names of the authors under discussion correctly.

Also, this is not exactly the first time my name has been misspelled.

As a student at Dartmouth College in the mid-1970s, I was aware that I didn't exactly blend in. Some kids had names that were easy to spell insofar as major buildings on campus had the same names carved into granite above the entryways.

I sort of suspected that I was the only child of Sicilian descent to be part of the institution—apart from Michael Corleone in "The Godfather," and he was a fictional character created by Mario Puzo.

So I wasn't terribly surprised when I received a piece of mail from Dartmouth addressed to Regina R. O'Barreca '79.

The college tried to make me Irish. It was like the alumni office had no alternative. Although a non-WASP ethnic group, at least the Irish had ties to Great Britain.

Think I'm making this up? I don't have the imagination.

My alma mater still has trouble getting it right. Even when thanking me for the modest help I've offered the fundraising efforts, the most recent class newsletter messed with my name. Really? Our 40th reunion is next year. I suspect the only chance I have of convincing them to pay attention is to call myself Regina McRose McBarreca, Marchioness of Sheepshead Bay. The guys were nice about it once I pointed out the error; they apologized, adorably and sincerely. And then they asked me to make lasagna.

I'm kidding, of course—but only about the lasagna part. They no longer eat gluten.

They're not alone. Although I was on "Oprah" a few times (see how casually I mention that?), the last time I appeared, Oprah called me "Rebecca Barreca" conflating my two names. My family members were outraged. They also thought I looked "a little heavy" on television. The attention you've hoped for doesn't always turn out the way you picture it.

I always thought, were I to have a daughter, I would have named her "Barbara Rebecca Barreca." It would have been fun to listen when people on the phone asked "Can you spell that for me, please?" Try saying it out loud and you'll understand. Telemarketers would have hung up halfway through "Rebecca."

(And, at 15, she probably would have renamed herself "Kate.")

My Brooklyn uncles used to say, "It doesn't matter what they say about you as long as they spell your name right," so regularly that you would have thought they meant it. But the swagger punctuating the line was undermined by the uncles' simultaneous insistence that you should "never give anybody your real name."

I should make clear that's not as if a lot of people were asking. Some of these guys didn't even have Social Security numbers, let alone business cards or publicists. Did it really matter if they spelled your name correctly on the "WANTED" poster?

But I love my name. Even in marriage, I never considered changing it. Having learned how to spell it, I was keeping it.

My first name, in contrast, shuttles between "Regina" when I am in academic mode and "Gina" when I'm being myself. I first adopted "Regina" in high school. I thought it made me sound fancier, smarter, thinner (I thought the capital "G" was a fat letter) and more regal.

Naturally, none of it worked. But at least when strangers send letters asking for favors or leave messages smacking of false intimacy, which begin with "Hello there, Regina!" as if we're old buddies, I know they're faking it.

As for regular misspellings, there are actually some benefits. My bank will now deposit checks into my account as long as somewhere there are Gs, Bs, Rs and Cs after "Pay to the Order of." The sequence is inconsequential.

I'm happy to apply the same flexibility and generosity to the otherwise diligent student. Once.

HILLARY

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people—millions and millions of people—decided they just didn't like me." You are, as you said in that book, "a lightning rod for fury."

So many things would go wrong if you ran. You would again justifiably be seen as untrustworthy. The "Crooked Hillary" epithet would reemerge and stick. Your "basket of deplorables" comment would fire up President Trump's base. Your vote for the Iraq war would be rehashed.

More women won elections last week than any time in US history, including more than 100 to Congress. That's long overdue and a cause for celebration. We hope that momentum will continue in 2020, including with impressive women running for president. But you are not the best candidate to capitalize on this trend. Even amid this tide and the #MeToo movement, it wouldn't take much for Trump and his backers to blunt or minimize that line of attack, with you married to you-know-who.

You had the second-lowest approval ratings of any presidential candidate in generations and managed to lose to the person with the lowest. Not much has changed since then.

You would win the Democratic-leaning states, but you'd be no threat to flip a Republican state and you'd be a dicey pick in the purple states. Florida? Ohio? Michigan? North Carolina? Trump. Trump. Trump. And Trump.

America has a major case of Hillary fatigue. And we cringe at the idea of four more years of policy by tweet, inflammatory insults, America playing to its worst fears rather than its greatest hopes. There's one way to make that likely.

The stakes are too high. Please, don't do it.

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BEH issues advisory on food handling

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The Commonwealth Healthcare Corp.'s Bureau of Environmental Health is advising those dispensing food for whatever purposes to practice proper food storage and delivery procedures.

In a notice Monday, the bureau noted a "significant increase" in the number of reports of individuals or companies dispensing food either at fixed locations or through mobile delivery vehicles without properly securing food during transport or maintaining food safety standards.

The bureau, which is responsible for enforcing regulations on food safety, requires all food dispensaries in the CNMI to meet minimum standards to keep consumables safe from the beginning of food processing to the point of consumer consumption.

The bureau recommends that caterers, businesses, and non-profit groups delivering food to the public to follow the recommended food storage and delivery procedures, such as using a delivery vehicle that is suitable for the transport of food; not leaving food deliveries exposed to the elements; and using hygienic and suitable clothes while dispensing food, among others.

Perishable food must be kept at appropriate temperatures during transport to avoid the growth of bacteria. BEH recommends that hot food be kept at least 140 degrees Fahrenheit and above; cold food be chilled to temperatures between 40 and 50 degrees Fahrenheit; using coolers or insulated bags to maintain holding temperatures; and all deliveries be completed within two hours after food is prepared.

For more questions or concerns on the safety of food or drinks delivered, contact BEH at 234-8950 ext. 2920 or 2915, or email BEH director John Tagabuel at john.tagabuel@dph.gov.mp.

To report an incident of mishandled food, information such as the license plate number, time, date, and dispensing location of the food or drink should be provided.

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Dissertation on Chamorro Land Trust obtains award

A dissertation on CHamoru land issues has earned University of Guam assistant professor Dr. Gena A. Rojas the Marvin B. Sussman Doctoral Award.

Rojas, an assistant professor of community development and an extension agent with UOG's Cooperative Extension Service, was selected from 30 other nominees by the graduate program faculty and administration of Union Institute & University, where she earned a doctorate in public policy and social change this month.

She was presented the award at her commencement ceremony on Oct. 4 in Cincinnati.

Her dissertation, titled "Navigating Contested Terrain: A Critical Case Study of Guam's Chamorro Land Trust Residential Land Lease Program," examines particular issues within Guam's residential land lease program, including how residential lessees have had to navigate the political landscape and how the struggle for power continues to play a role in addressing environmental and public health concerns on the island.

"What this study really was about is that it examined the lived experience of the residential land lessees," Rojas said. "It really says something about the issues that we are facing—that it is a consequence of being colonized."

The annual award was established by the late Dr. Marvin Sussman, a former faculty adviser and philanthropist for Union Institute & University, to honor a recent graduate whose doctoral dissertation is judged to be outstanding in terms of originality, interdisciplinary, social meaning, writing, and overall presentation. A committee of faculty and administrators nominate and select a recipient based on the quality of research and the impact the study will have within the community at large.

Rojas was chosen for the award alongside co-recipient Dr. Adison Soko, whose research focused on the issue of land equity in Zimbabwe.

Rojas said her main motive in choosing the topic of CHamoru land leases was to give a voice to residential land lessees and their experiences of obtaining land and building a home. She also hopes her study will inform land policy along with changes within the Chamorro Land Trust.

On receiving the award Rojas said, "We always think Guam is outside of this realm of how the real world is, so for our work to be recognized at that level just means we have something powerful to say."

The Regional Center for Public Policy within UOG's School of Business and Public Administration is planning several sessions for Rojas to share her study.

In the future, Rojas plans on writing more publications and to have her research accessible to future scholars who are interested in an in-depth exploration of the study's findings and the subject matter.

The dissertation is in the process of being published by the academic database ProQuest. In the meantime, copies are available by request from Rojas at rojasg@triton.uog.edu.

UNIVERSITY OF GUAM

From left, Dr. Nelson Soto, provost and vice president for academic affairs at Union Institute & University; Dr. Gena A. Rojas, recipient of the Marvin B. Sussman Doctoral Award; Dr. Jennifer Raymond, chairwoman of the Dissertation Committee and of the Public Policy and Social Change doctoral program at UIU; and Dr. Michael Raffanti, dean of the Graduate College at UIU.

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Business

AS EU BRACES FOR BREXIT PUSH

UK leader has eye on rebellion

LONDON (AP)—The U.K. and the European Union plowed ahead Monday with plans to have their divorce deal signed, sealed and delivered within days as British Prime Minister Theresa May waited to see whether rebel lawmakers opposed to the agreement had the numbers to challenge her leadership.

The draft agreement reached last week triggered an avalanche of criticism in Britain and left May fighting to keep her job even as British and EU negotiators raced to firm up a final deal before a weekend summit where EU leaders hope to rubber-stamp it.

The 585-page, legally binding withdrawal agreement is as good as complete, but Britain and the EU still need to flesh out a far less detailed seven-page declaration on their future relations.

May said "an intense week of negotiations" lay ahead to finalize the framework.

The deal has infuriated pro-Brexit lawmakers in May's Conservative Party. The Brexiteers want a clean break with the bloc and argue that the close trade ties called for in the agreement May's government agreed would leave Britain a vassal state, bound to EU rules it has no say in making.

Two Cabinet ministers, including Brexit Secretary Dominic Raab, resigned in protest, and rebels are trying to gather the signatures of 48 lawmakers needed to trigger a no-confidence vote.

The European Union's chief Brexit negotiator says that a draft deal on Britain's exit from the bloc was "fair and balanced," adding that it allowed for an orderly withdrawal.

One pro-Brexit Conservative lawmaker, Simon Clarke, urged wavering colleagues Monday to join the rebellion, saying "it is quite clear to me that the captain is driving the ship at the rocks."

Even if May sees off such a challenge, she still has to get the deal approved by Parliament. Her Conservatives don't have a parliamentary majority, and whether she can persuade enough lawmakers to back the agreement is uncertain.

It is also unclear what would happen if Parliament rejected the deal when it is put to a vote, likely next month.

May's government relies for survival on the votes of Northern Ireland's Democratic Unionist Party, which struck a deal last year to back the Conservatives on major legislation, including finance bills. But the DUP opposes the Brexit deal's plans for keeping the border between the U.K.'s Northern Ireland and EU member Ireland open after Britain leaves the bloc.

In a warning to May, DUP lawmakers abstained Monday during several votes on the government's finance bill.

May argues that abandoning the plan, with Britain's March 29 departure date just over four months away, could lead to Brexit being delayed or abandoned, or to a disorderly and economically damaging "no deal" Brexit.

But opposition Labour Party leader Jeremy Corbyn said his lawmakers would vote against May's agreement and also try to block a "no-deal" exit.

The agreement also must be approved by the European Parliament. Manfred Weber, who leads the EU legislature's largest group, said the initial assessment of the center-right European People's Party was "very encouraging, very positive."

But, he added, "it must be clear to our British partners that there will be no renegotiation of this text that is now on the table."

Airbnb removes listings in Israeli settlements

JERUSALEM (AP)—Home-rental company Airbnb announced on Monday it would remove its listings in Israeli settlements in the West Bank, prompting outrage from Israeli officials.

The company said it will take down some 200 listings and cease its operations in Israeli settlements "that are at the core of the dispute between the Israelis and Palestinians." It was not immediately clear when the removal would take effect.

In response, Strategic Affairs Minister Gilad Erdan, who oversees Israel's battle against a Palestinian-led boycott movement, called on Airbnb hosts affected by the decision to file lawsuits in accordance with Israel's anti-boycott law.

"National conflicts exist all over the world," Erdan said. "The senior management of Airbnb will have to explain why they specifically, and uniquely, chose to implement this political and discriminatory decision in the case of citizens of the state of Israel."

Tourism Minister Yariv Levin slammed the decision and ordered his office to restrict the company's activity throughout the country. He also instructed the ministry to ramp up its tourism programs in West Bank settlements.

The company had previously defended its past operations in the occupied West Bank, saying they were in accordance with U.S. law and its own mission "to bring people together in as many places as possible around the world."

Airbnb said the decision to cancel the contentious listings came after consulting with experts and wrestling with the ethics of whether to do business in Israeli settlements, which most of the international community views as illegal. Palestinians and human rights groups have long pressured the company to remove the listings.

Human Rights Watch said the decision came on the eve of its publication of a 65-page report investigating tourist rental listings in settlements, including by Airbnb.

Arvind Ganesan, director of the group's business and human rights division, called Airbnb's move "an important recognition that such listings can't square with its human rights responsibilities." He urged other companies to follow suit.

Eugene Kontorovich, an international law expert, accused Airbnb of anti-Semitism and cooperating with the Palestinian-led BDS movement, which calls for boycotts, divestment and sanctions against Israeli companies.

Kontorovich, who has helped the U.S. and Israel draft anti-boycott legislation, said the company had singled out Israel while allowing properties to be listed in other occupied or disputed areas of the world, such as northern Cyprus, Nagorno-Karabakh and the western Sahara.

"Airbnb's approach of singling out Jews from all the disputes in the world will put it at odds with U.S. state BDS laws and principles of discrimination," said Kontorovich, director of international law at the Kohelet Policy Forum, a conservative think tank in Jerusalem and professor of international law at George Mason University.

Israel captured the West Bank and east Jerusalem in the 1967 Middle East war. Today over 400,000 Israeli settlers live in the West Bank, in addition to some 200,000 Israelis in east Jerusalem. The Palestinians claim both areas as parts of a future state, a position that has wide global support.

Nation

Frustration, chaos as CA fire recovery drags on

CHICO, Calif. (AP)—It's been 12 days since Christina Taft started the frantic search for her mother Victoria, who refused to evacuate their Paradise home as flames neared, and six days since she gave authorities a cheek swab to identify remains that are likely her mother's.

She still hasn't received confirmation that her mother is dead, and says she's been frustrated by what she feels is a lack of communication from Butte County officials.

"They said they found remains, they didn't say her remains. They won't confirm it to me the whole time," Taft said Monday.

With 77 people killed in California's deadliest wildfire in at least a century, there are still an astonishing 1,000 names on the list of missing. While it's down from nearly 1,300 the day before, it is inexact and incomplete, progress has been slow, and the many days of uncertainty are adding to the stress.

More than a dozen people are marked as "unknowns," without first or last names. In some cases, names are listed twice or more times under different spellings. Others are confirmed dead, and their names simply haven't been taken off yet.

Survivors and relatives of those caught in the fire in Northern California are using social media to get the word out: in some cases, to post that their loved ones were safe; in others, to plead for help.

"Aunt Dorothy is still missing. There has been confusion going on at the Sheriffs office regarding her whereabouts because she was taken off the list," a man wrote on Facebook on Monday.

"I have an uncle and two cousins that I have not been able to make contact with," one woman wrote on Facebook, with their names. "Any info would be appreciated."

Butte County Sheriff Kory Honea has said he released the rough and incomplete list in hopes that people would contact authorities to say they are OK. He has called it "raw data" compiled from phone calls, emails and other reports.

"We put the list out. It will fluctuate. It will go up. It will go down because this is in a state of flux," Honea said Monday. "My view on this has been that I would prefer to get the information out and start working to find who is unaccounted for and who is not. I would put progress over perfection."

Officials have also culled reports from the earliest hours of the disaster, when fire knocked out mobile phone communications and thousands fled, some to safe shelter that was hundreds of miles away.

Top 10 deadliest California wildfires

	Fire name, cause	Date	County	Acres	Deaths
1.	CAMP (Unknown)	Nov. 2018	Butte	141,000	63
2.	GRIFFITH PARK (Unknown)	Oct. 1933	Los Angeles	47	29
3.	TUNNEL - Oakland Hills (Rekindle)	Oct. 1991	Alameda	1,600	25
4.	TUBBS (Under Investigation)	Oct. 2017	Napa & Sonoma	36,807	22
5.	CEDAR (Human Related)	Oct. 2003	San Diego	273,246	15
6.	RATTLESNAKE (Arson)	July 1953	Glenn	1,340	15
7.	LOOP (Unknown)	Nov. 1966	Los Angeles	2,028	12
8.	HAUSER CREEK (Human Related)	Oct. 1943	San Diego	13,145	11
9.	INAJA (Human Related)	Nov. 1956	San Diego	43,904	11
10.	IRON ALPS COMPLEX (Lightning)	Aug. 2008	Trinity	105,855	10

Source: calfire.ca.gov
Graphic: Staff, TNS

Confirmed fatalities as of Nov. 14, 7 p.m.

ACROSS THE NATION

Man who strangled wife, killed his 2 girls sentenced to life

GREELEY, Colo. (AP)—A man who strangled his pregnant wife and suffocated their two young daughters wanted to escape his marriage and growing family, prosecutors said Monday as a judge imposed a sentence of life without parole after a plea deal kept the killer from facing the death penalty. Christopher Watts, who pleaded guilty two weeks ago, did not speak during the hearing. One of his attorneys said Watts was "sincerely sorry." As Watts listened with his head down, Shanann Watts' parents detailed their ongoing struggle to understand how he could murder the three people who considered him a hero—Shanann, 34, Bella, 4, and Celeste, 3. Frank Rzucek said he was disgusted by the way his son-in-law took his wife and two daughters "out like the trash" and dubbed him an "evil monster." "Prison is too good for you," Rzucek said. "This is hard to say, but may God have mercy on your soul." Prosecutors have said Shanann Watts' relatives, who live in North Carolina, asked them not to seek the death penalty when defense attorneys made the proposal. Watts, 33, was formally sentenced to three consecutive life sentences for the murders. He also received a 48-year sentence for unlawful termination of a pregnancy and 12 years each for tampering with a corpse, totaling 84 years.

Gunman opens fire at Chicago hospital, killing at least 3

CHICAGO (AP)—A gunman opened fire Monday at a Chicago hospital, killing a police officer and two hospital employees in an attack that began with a domestic dispute and exploded into a firefight with law enforcement inside the medical center. The suspect was also dead, authorities said. It was not immediately clear if the attacker took his own life or was killed by police at Mercy Hospital on the city's South Side, police said. "The city of Chicago lost a doctor, pharmaceutical assistant and a police officer, all going about their day, all doing what they loved," Mayor Rahm Emanuel said, fighting back tears. "This just tears at the soul of our city. It is the face and a consequence of evil." The chain of events that led to the shooting began with an argument in the hospital parking lot involving the gunman and a woman with whom he was in a domestic relationship, police said.

World

Saudi king's speech makes no mention of slain journalist

RIYADH, Saudi Arabia (AP)—Saudi Arabia's King Salman on Monday gave his first major speech since the killing of journalist Jamal Khashoggi by Saudi agents, expressing support for his son, the crown prince, and making no mention of allegations that the young royal ordered the killing.

The annual policy speech by the king instead highlighted Saudi Arabia's priorities for the coming year, focusing on issues such as the war in Yemen, security for Palestinians, stability in the oil market, countering rival Iran and job creation for Saudis.

The king voiced support for his favored son, Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman, saying that the 32-year-old heir to the throne is focused on developing the capabilities of Saudi youth. The prince oversees all major levers of power in the kingdom, ranging from security to the economy.

"The country is working tirelessly to create more jobs and training for Saudi youth," Salman said. "The crown prince, chairman of the Council of Economic Affairs and Development, has focused on developing human capabilities and preparing the new generation for future jobs."

Saudi media reported Monday that the crown prince will attend the Group of 20 summit in Buenos Aires later this month. It would be the first trip abroad for the crown prince after the Oct. 2 slaying of Khashoggi, and would bring him face to face with world leaders from the U.S., Turkey, Canada and European countries that have strongly criticized the kingdom for the brutal killing.

King Salman delivered his remarks in the ornate hall of the consultative Shura Council before the country's ministers, senior officials, military officers and clerics. Prince Mohammed was in attendance and seated next to the country's top cleric.

In the wake of Khashoggi's killing inside the Saudi consulate in Istanbul, the 82-year-old monarch put Prince Mohammed in charge of overseeing the reorganization of intelligence services. The king's speech made no reference to that, but he did commend Saudi Arabia's judiciary and public prosecution for their work in seeking justice in accordance with Islamic law.

He said the kingdom "takes pride in the blessed efforts" of the judiciary and public prosecution, adding that Saudi Arabia affirms its commitment to the application of Islamic law.

On Thursday, Saudi prosecutors said they are seeking the death penalty against five men suspected of killing Khashoggi, who had written critically of the crown prince in columns for The Washington Post. The prosecutor's announcement sought to quiet the global outcry over Khashoggi's death and distance the killers and their operation from the crown prince.

U.S. intelligence officials, however, have concluded that the crown prince ordered the killing, according to a U.S. official familiar with the assessment. Others familiar with the case caution that while it's likely that the crown prince was involved in the death, there continue to be questions about what role he played.

Saudi investigators say a high-ranking adviser to the crown prince, Saud al-Qahtani, and a senior intelligence official, Ahmed al-Assiri, concocted a plan to force Khashoggi to return to Saudi Arabia, deeming his presence abroad as a threat to national security.

Saudi prosecutors say the 15-man team sent to Istanbul exceeded their authority when the lead negotiator in the team decided to kill Khashoggi for refusing orders to return. The Saudis say the agents killed Khashoggi with tranquilizers and then dismembered his body, which has not been found.

Those findings came after Saudi authorities spent weeks denying Khashoggi had been killed in the embassy.

Acrimonious Pacific summit underscores China-US tensions

PORT MORESBY, Papua New Guinea (AP)—Pacific Rim leaders at a key Asian summit failed to reach agreement on a joint declaration on world trade for the first time in nearly three decades, highlighting the growing tensions between China and the U.S.

The Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation summit's acrimony also underscored the rivalry between China and the West for influence in the South Pacific, where Beijing has been wooing impoverished island states with aid and loans.

The 21 APEC nations, which account for 60 percent of the world economy, struggled at the two-day summit in Papua New Guinea to bridge their differences over the role of the World Trade Organization, which governs international trade, officials said.

Instead, a statement was issued by the meeting's chair, Papua New Guinea Prime Minister Peter O'Neill.

"The entire world is worried" about tensions between China and the U.S., O'Neill told reporters surrounding him after the meetings ended Sunday, when he confirmed there was no joint declaration from the leaders.

Draft versions of the declaration seen by The Associated Press showed the U.S wanted strong language against unfair trade practices that it accuses China of conducting. China wanted a reaffirmation of opposition to protectionism and unilateralism that it says the U.S. is engaging in.

The U.S. has imposed additional tariffs of $250 billion on Chinese goods this year, and Beijing has retaliated with its own tariffs on U.S. products.

"I don't think it will come as a huge surprise that there are differing visions" on trade, said Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau. "Those prevented there from being a full consensus on the communique."

U.S. Vice President Mike Pence and Chinese President Xi Jinping traded barbs in speeches on Saturday.

Pence professed respect for Xi and China but also harshly criticized the world's No. 2 economy for intellectual property theft, forced technology transfers and unfair trading practices. He accused China of luring developing nations into a debt trap through the loans it offers for infrastructure.

The world, according to Xi's speech, is facing a choice between cooperation and confrontation as protectionism and unilateralism grows. He said the rules of global institutions set up after World War II such as the World Trade Organization should not be bent for selfish agendas.

Pence told reporters that he had two "candid" conversations with Xi, who is expected to meet President Donald Trump at a Group of 20 summit at the end of this month in Argentina.

"There are differences today," Pence said. "They begin with trade practices, with tariffs and quotas, forced technology transfers, the theft of intellectual property. It goes beyond that to freedom of navigation in the seas, concerns about human rights."

Communities flee eruption at Guatemala's Volcano of Fire

GUATEMALA CITY (AP)—About 4,000 residents fled Guatemala's Volcano of Fire Monday as red-hot rock and ash spewed into the sky and cascaded down the slopes toward an area devastated by a deadly eruption earlier this year.

Guatemala's volcanology unit said that explosions from the 12,300-foot (3,763-meter) high mountain shook homes with "constant sounds similar to a train locomotive."

Incandescent material burst as high as 1,000 meters (3,200 feet) above the crater and flows of hot rock and ash extended nearly 2 miles (3 kilometers) down one flank of the volcano. Hot blasts of pyroclastic material pushed down canyons on the slopes, while a column of ash rose nearly 23,000 feet (7,000 meters) above sea level and drifted toward Guatemala City to the east.

Hundreds of families heeded the call of disaster coordination authorities to evacuate 10 communities, piling into yellow school buses for trips to shelters. The national disaster commission said 3,925 people had been evacuated by early Monday. As the hours passed, however, the intensity of the volcano's activity decreased and many decided to return to their homes or seek shelter with friends or family.

The Volcano of Fire is one of the most active in Central America and an eruption in June killed 194 people. Another 234 are officially missing, although organizations supporting the communities have insisted there are thousands of missing persons.

It spewed more ash and hot rock in October, prompting warnings for the nearby communities.

The biggest danger from the volcano are lahars, a mixture of ash, rock, mud and debris, that can bury entire towns. On Monday, there had been no reports of such flows reaching populated areas, though authorities were taking no chances; they were harshly criticized for not calling for evacuations earlier in June.

Four shelters have been set up for evacuees. Dora Caal, 26, and five members of her family took refuge under a nylon tent at a sports stadium in the nearby town of Escuintla.

"Last night we heard the volcano roar, you could see fire, we couldn't sleep," said Caal, whose town of El Rodeo was largely evacuated.

"At dawn we said we'd better get out, we were afraid," Caal said as the sun beat down fiercely at the improvised shelter. People like Caal are still reeling from the effects of the June eruption.

"Back then I lost my job at a farm that was on the slopes of the volcano. They closed it and we can't work there anymore," she said.

Enma Hernandez, 42, left her home in El Rodeo to evacuate, but her 20-year-old son stayed behind to protect the family home from looters. In fact, many men stayed behind in the town; there were mainly women and children at the shelter.

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NOTICE
MEETING OF THE CRM AGENCY OFFICIALS

Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 11, Governor Ralph DLG. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog through the Division of Coastal Resources Management (DCRM) hereby give notice that a CRM Agency Officials meeting will be held on ***November 27, 2018, 9:30AM*** at the BECQ 2nd Floor Main Conference Room, in Lower Gualo Rai, Saipan.

AGENDA

I. PRELIMINARY MATTERS
A. Call to Order
B. Roll Call
C. Adoption of Agenda
D. Adoption of September 06, 2018 Meeting Minutes

II. PERMIT APPLICATION REVIEW
A. Project: CMS KANNAT TABLA QUARRY – The Construction and Materials Supply, Inc. (CMS) is currently engaging in quarrying activities of an old and existing quarry site located on two leased public land properties in Kannat Tabla, specifically identified as Lot Nos. 035 H 01 and 035 H 02. Total area for the two lots is approximately 60,481 square meters, more or less.
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-95-X-48, Amendment 2018-1
1) Discussions Regarding Kannat Tabla Residents' Concerns
2) Agencies' Updated Permit Conditions
3) CRM Permit Amendment Status Determination
B. Project: CMS SOLTEN QUARRY – The Construction and Material Supply, LLC (CMS) is requesting to extend its existing quarry operation in San Vicente, Saipan. This project is permitted under CRM Major Siting Permit No. SMS-97-X-59 and in 2016, CMS amended its permit to expand its rock quarry operation on approximately 20,800 square meters of private land identified as Lot No. 062 H 03. The proposed operation is projected to yield about one million cubic yards of limestone materials over a period of 10 years.
CMS issued a letter dated September 7, 2018 requesting to renew Permit No. SMS-97-X-59, Amendment 2006 to continue its quarry operations for a period of ten years or more with an option to renew for an additional term depending on the extraction rate driven by the demand for quarry products in the CNMI. Furthermore, CMS will not be changing its use and project yield of one million cubic yards of extracted materials but would like to include a temporary use for stockpiling of aggregates being extracted from nearby CMS quarry sites.
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-97-X-59, Amendment 2019-1
1) Discussion, Comments, and/or Questions
2) Agencies' Updated Permit Conditions
3) CRM Permit Application Status Determination, *Final Determination*
C. Project: IMPERIAL PACIFIC RESORT CONDITIONAL COMPLETION EXTENSION – Imperial Pacific International (CNMI), LLC is requesting to extend the completion date of the amended completion date of August 31, 2018 to February 28, 2021 as approved by the Casino License Agreement Amendment No. 6.
CRM Permit Application No. SMS-2015-X-029, Amendment 2019-1
1) Discussion, Comments, and/or Questions
2) Agencies' Updated Permit Conditions
3) CRM Permit Amendment Status Determination, *Final Determination*

III. OTHER MATTERS
IV. ADJOURNMENT
All interested persons are welcome to attend and to submit written or oral testimony regarding the above agenda items. (NOTE: Pursuant to Public Law 8-41, Section 13(a) (7) and Section 13(c), the Board may vote to meet in executive session).

/s/ JANICE E. CASTRO
Director, DCRM

Good Housekeeping

ON GARDENING:

Cool season edibles offer dazzling beauty for the garden or landscape

By NORMAN WINTER
TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

TNS
The Sally Adams Vegetable Terraces at the Columbus Botanical Garden in Columbus, Ga., is a feast for the eyes yet provides needed produce in the community.

The cool season vegetable garden can be one of incredible beauty all the while providing tasty produce. Such is the case with the Columbus Botanical Garden. Their Sally Adams vegetable terraces, located adjacent to the old historic Gin House, were designed by the renowned landscape architecture firm, Studio Outside Landscape Architecture of Dallas Texas.

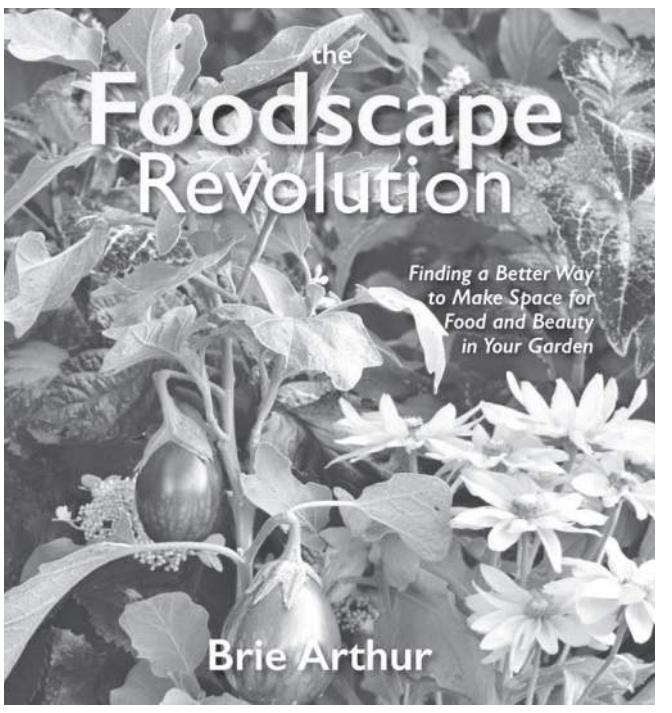
The stone terraces planted with seasonal vegetables are always worthy of being photographed and dazzle as part of the overall landscape. Best known as a tourist stop, the owners make regular contributions of produce to Mercy Med for distribution to people who need it the most.

The Terraces are planted by volunteers under the watchful eye of the Director and have truly become a hit with the local community. Recently I attended a pre-Gala party just before sunset and was mesmerized by its beauty.

There was a stunning array of color and texture provided cabbage, kale, collards, mustard, lettuce, and chard along with a tantalizing selection of herbs. The volunteers have supplemented the plantings with Cool Wave pansies that will soon cascade over the rock walls.

Even if you don't have a dedicated vegetable garden like the one in Columbus, you can grow a bounty of tasty veggies, incorporating them in the landscape, mixed containers, and even baskets. These crops are so wonderfully ornamental even the toughest HOA 'police force' will approve.

The edible landscape concept is a scorching hot trend not just for the culinary artist in the kitchen, but for the Monet-like designer gardening outdoors. Brie Arthur a rock star horticulturist and friend, has recently written a book titled "The Foodscape Revolution." You can put her tips and techniques in place immediately or get prepared for spring.



TNS
The Foodscape Revolution written by Brie Arthur is your guide book to using edibles throughout the landscape.

In Columbus Ga., this concept gets applied to mixed containers at the finest shopping centers and in high profile entrances to neighborhoods and upscale apartment complexes. If you are thinking I am just talking kale and cabbage, I am not, although they are certainly high on the list. There are a lot more edible beauties just sitting outside these favorite boutiques.

You are likely to see collards with pansies, Swiss chard or Red Giant mustard with snapdragons, violas with red leaf lettuce and architecturally wonderful plants like cardoon and dinosaur kale. Such is the wonder and fun once you too, start growing cool-season vegetables.

All of these cool-season vegetables love those light and fluffy soil mixes you find in mixed containers. In the landscape, they will thrive as well as long as you have good fertile well-drained soil and plenty of sun to allow them to really perform up to your expectations

The Garden Guy was raised in the south, and when it comes to eating, the thought of fried catfish, cornbread and a heaping pile of mustard greens, collards, or swiss chard cooked like spinach, will trump landscape beauty on many occasions.

Those of in zones 7-10 have a lot of edible landscape opportunities before spring planting. Those in colder zones should try these in window sill type crops. Visit your favorite garden center this weekend. You'll find plants that will allow you to dress up the landscape before the holidays while creating some incredible, combinations with edibles.

Norman Winter, horticulturist, garden speaker and author of, "Tough-as-Nails Flowers for the South" and "Captivating Combinations: Color and Style in the Garden." Follow him on Facebook @NormanWinterTheGardenGuy.

Always in our thoughts, forever in our hearts...

†WILLIAM THOMAS TAITANO HINSON

Lovingly known as "Will"
May 26, 1946 – November 9, 2018

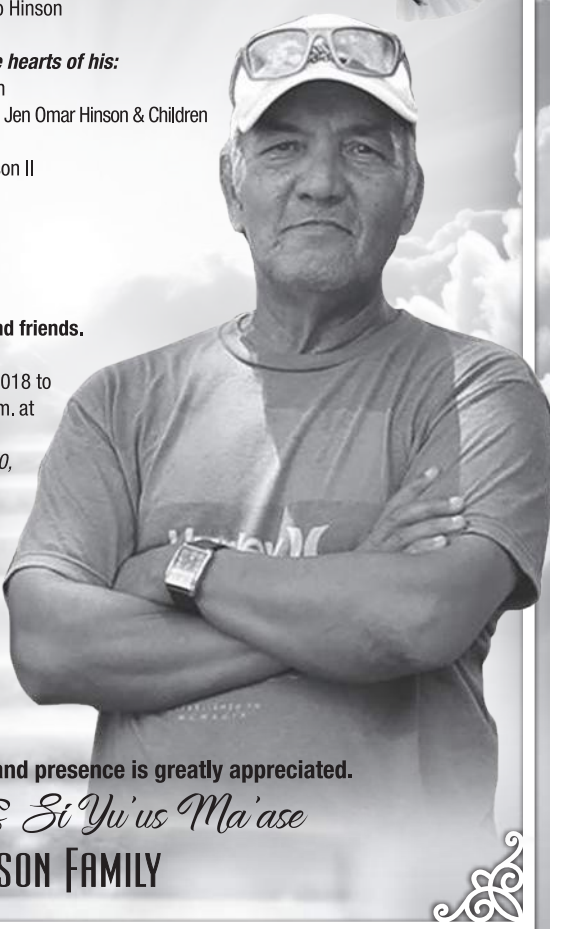
In his new life he now joins his:
Parents: †William Phillip Hinson
†Catherine Aguon Taitano Hinson

His spirit and memories will forever live in the hearts of his:
Wife: Chunxia (Mary) Xu Hinson
Children and Spouse: Joshua Michael Hinson and Jen Omar Hinson & Children
Zachary Issac Hinson
William (Billy) Phillip Hinson II
Alan Xu Hinson
Siblings: Catherine Ann Hinson
Elaine Susan McGuire
Linda Bell Fletcher

He will also be greatly missed by his family and friends.

Daily rosary will start on Sunday, November 18, 2018 to Monday, November 26, 2018 every day at 4:00 p.m. at the Hinson Home in Papago.
(For directions, you may call Mary 670-285-8990, Alan 670-783-8996, and Billy 670-286-8877)

Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, November 27, 2018 at the Grace Christian Academy Chapel. Viewing will start at 8:30 a.m. followed by the rest of the service and then proceed to the Veterans Cemetery in Marpi where he will be laid to rest.
(Please wear white if you can)



Your thoughts, prayers, and presence is greatly appreciated.

Thank You & Si Yu'us Ma'ase

HINSON FAMILY

Life & Style

Brooklyn rapper 6ix9ine arrested on racketeering charges

NEW YORK (AP)—Rapper Tekashi 6ix9ine was deemed a likely danger to the community and denied bail Monday after a prosecutor said there was evidence that he directed or participated in multiple acts of violence as part of a deadly gang.

U.S. Magistrate Judge Henry B. Pitman concluded an hourlong hearing by citing "troubling" corroborating evidence offered by a prosecutor to show that 6ix9ine directed or participated in multiple acts of violence over the last eight months.

Assistant U.S. Attorney Michael Longyear said a backpack stolen during a gunpoint robbery in April was found during a raid at 6ix9ine's Brooklyn residence, along with an automatic pistol.

"The defendant is quite violent," the prosecutor said of a man whose debut album, Day 69, was among the most downloaded records on iTunes.

Longyear said 6ix9ine was captured on surveillance video as he sat in a car and filmed the scene in Times Square when his co-defendants carried out a violent robbery against a rival gang member.

AP

In this Sept. 21, 2018, file photo rapper Daniel Hernandez, known as Tekashi 6ix9ine, performs during the Philipp Plein women's 2019 Spring-Summer collection, unveiled during the Fashion Week in Milan, Italy.

The prosecutor said he was also part of a video boasting about shots recently fired by a co-defendant in Brooklyn's Barclays Center.

Longyear also said the rapper was a threat to flee because of his worldwide connections, hundreds of thousands of dollars in cash and the knowledge that a conviction would bring a mandatory minimum sentence of 32 years in prison and as much as life.

Pitman ordered 6ix9ine held until a Tuesday bail hearing, saying he was concerned about the danger to the community, particularly because the rapper could direct others to carry out acts of violence.

6ix9ine was among five people charged in an indictment containing racketeering and firearms charges. The indictment alleged that he participated in the July shooting of a bystander in Brooklyn and the gunpoint robbery of one of his gang's rivals last spring.

His lawyer, Lance Lazzaro, said 6ix9nine—whose legal name is Daniel Hernandez—posed no threat and denies directing or playing any other role in violence.

'Fantastic Beasts' flies to top of weekend box office

LOS ANGELES (AP)—"Fantastic Beasts: The Crimes of Grindelwald" crawled, slithered and flew its way to the top of the weekend box office with a $62.2 million opening in the U.S. and Canada, according to studio estimates Sunday.

The latest offering from the Harry Potter multiverse fell short of the opening of the first film in the Warner Bros. series, 2016's "Fantastic Beasts and Where to Find Them," which debuted with $74 million in a similar November release and went on to earn $234 million in the U.S. and Canada.

But all the Harry Potter films have had a broad international reach, and "Fantastic Beasts" had a hearty worldwide weekend gross, bringing in $191 million internationally for a total of $253 million, according to the studio's estimates.

"Clearly it's a huge phenomenon globally," said Jeff Goldstein, president of domestic distribution for Warner Bros.

1. **Grindelwald,"** $62.2 million ($191 million international).
2. **"Dr Seuss' The Grinch,"** $38.1 million ($9.4 million international).
3. **"Bohemian Rhapsody,"** $15.7 million ($45.5 million international).
4. **"Instant Family,"** $14.7 million.
5. **"Widows,"** $12.3 million ($2.8 million international).
6. **"The Nutcracker and the Four Realms,"** $4.7 million ($6.7 million international).
7. **"A Star Is Born,"** $4.3 million ($5.5 million international).
8. **"Overlord,"** $3.8 million ($2.6 million international).
9. **"The Girl in the Spider's Web,"** $2.5 million ($2.8 million international).
10. **"Burn The Stage: The Movie,"** $2.3 million ($5.2 million international).

Tsukamoto inspired by Japan's masters, acting under Scorsese

TOKYO (AP)—Japanese filmmaker Shinya Tsukamoto turned to his country's masters for inspiration for his latest work, "Killing," his first samurai movie. But he also emulated the way Martin Scorsese gave free rein to his actors, a technique Tsukamoto learned when he was cast in "Silence" as a Christian martyr.

"Killing," a poetic but brutal story about the horrors of violence, premiered at the Venice Film Festival earlier this year and opens in Japan on Nov. 24. Overseas release dates have not been announced.

"This film is the total antithesis to the heroism depicted in usual samurai films," Tsukamoto, who wrote, directed and edited "Killing," said at a recent preview screening at the Foreign Correspondents' Club in Tokyo.

He said he was an admirer of the samurai films he grew up on, including the classics by Akira Kurosawa and Kon Ichikawa. But he wanted to do something different.

A samurai film has signature elements such as choreographed fight scenes. Juxtaposing what's unexpected makes people think, raising questions, Tsukamoto said.

"I wanted to cast doubt," he said, pointing to the assumption that the samurai is a hero. "Is he really the good guy?"

The Scorsese technique of being positive while giving freedom to the actors appeared to work in "Killing."

Yu Aoi, who plays a young farmer in love with the main character, found herself taking a different approach to her acting.

SHOWBIZ TIDBITS

Pamela Anderson calls Australian PM's comments 'smutty'

LOS ANGELES (AP)—Pamela Anderson is criticizing Australia's prime minister for making "smutty, unnecessary comments about a woman voicing her political opinion." Appearing on Australia's "60 Minutes" this month, the "Baywatch" star urged Prime Minister Scott Morrison to bring WikiLeaks founder Julian Assange to Australia. The Australian citizen claimed asylum in Ecuador's embassy in London in 2012 to avoid extradition to Sweden where he faces allegations that were later dropped. Morrison turned down the request. But the prime minister added he had "plenty of mates who have asked me if they can be my special envoy to sort out the issue with Pamela." A government official called the remark "lighthearted." Anderson posted a letter on Saturday in which she called Morrison's remarks "disappointing."

The Rolling Stones plan 13 US live dates next year

NEW YORK (AP)—The Rolling Stones will be rolling through the United States next year. The band says it's adding a 13-show leg to its No Filter tour in spring 2019 that will hit Florida, Texas, Arizona, California, Washington, Colorado, Pennsylvania, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Illinois and Washington, D.C. The tour kicks off in Miami on April 20. For the past few years the legendary band has mostly played in Europe. Lead singer Mick Jagger says in a statement: "It's a thrill when we play stadiums in the States." Tickets go on sale Nov. 30. The band returned to its blues roots in 2016 with the release of "Blue & Lonesome," which earned the Stones a Grammy Award for best traditional blues album.

Gamer kicked out of house shames dad on social media

DEAR ABBY: My 23-year-old son does not want to work and spends all his time playing video games. He's obsessed with them. He disrespects my house—and me—by not cleaning his room.

I don't know what to do. He's my son, but he is a user and feels he's entitled to live here. He pays no bills and blows all his money on gaming. He quits every job he has. I love him and kicked him out once, but he got on Facebook and told people what bad parents we are.

All he says is he wants to be happy. I think he's out of touch with reality. He has no place to go if I kick him out. What do I do?

DAD WHO'S HAD IT IN OHIO

DEAR DAD: Your son is an adult, even if he doesn't act like one. Give him a deadline to find another place to crash—perhaps with a roommate—and be out of there. If he says he has no money, remember that he comes up with money to "blow."

It will take backbone to stand your ground, but you must not make your decisions and live your life based on what your son will post about you on Facebook. People often vent and exaggerate on social media. Your son is living in an altered reality because you have allowed it. If he isn't forced to stand on his own two feet, he never will.

DEAR ABBY: After my father died, I found a box of letters my late brother sent to the family when he was in the U.S. Air Force. He would have been in his 20s at the time.

The letters mention girlfriends, the woman he did marry and the time spent in jail as a result of a botched robbery. (It was very out-of-character for him, by the way.) He had a dishonorable discharge. After all that, he started a new life and became an ideal father until his 40s when he decided to divorce his wife of many years.

The letters reveal a lot about him. I thought his children might like this insight to their father, but my younger brother thinks it would be a bad idea. If this was my father, I would like to have these personal letters. What do you think?

UNKNOWN IN THE MIDWEST

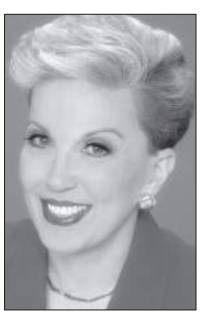
DEAR UNKNOWN: I'm glad you asked. Your brother's children are all adults now. Tell them you found the letters and ask them if they would like you to share them. I'm betting the answer will be yes.

DEAR READERS: Tomorrow is Thanksgiving, and no Thanksgiving would be complete without sharing the traditional prayer penned by my dear late mother:

Oh, Heavenly Father,
We thank Thee for food and remember the hungry.

DEAR ABBY

By ABIGAIL VAN BUREN
UNIVERSAL PRESS SYNDICATE



Dear Abby is written by Abigail Van Buren, also known as Jeanne Phillips, and was founded by her mother, Pauline Phillips. Contact Dear Abby at www.DearAbby.com or P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles, CA 90069.

We thank Thee for health and remember the sick.
We thank Thee for friends and remember the friendless.
We thank Thee for freedom and remember the enslaved.
May these remembrances stir us to service.
That Thy gifts to us may be used for others.
Amen.

Have a safe and happy celebration, everyone!

Love, ABBY

What teens need to know about sex, drugs, AIDS and getting along with peers and parents is in "What Every Teen Should Know." Send your name and mailing address, plus check or money order for $7 (U.S. funds) to: Dear Abby, Teen Booklet, P.O. Box 447, Mount Morris, IL 61054-0447. (Shipping and handling are included in the price.)

Pastimes

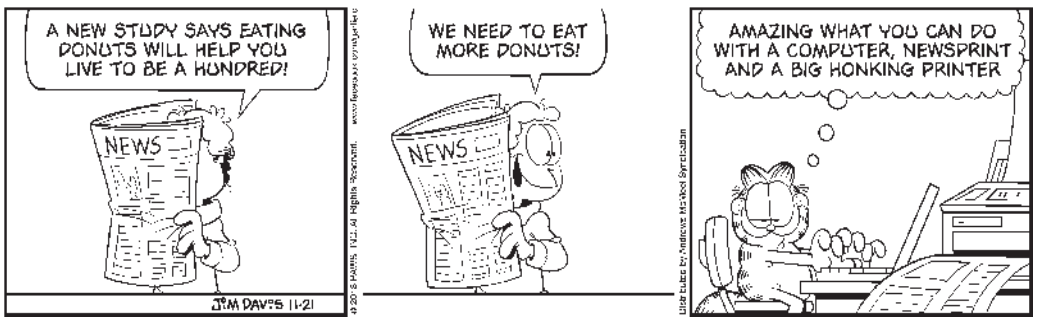
Calvin and Hobbes

By Bill Waterson

BOY, I'M IN A BAD MOOD TODAY! EVERYONE HAD BETTER STEER CLEAR OF ME!
I HATE EVERYBODY! AS FAR AS I'M CONCERNED, EVERYONE ON THE PLANET CAN JUST DROP DEAD. PEOPLE ARE SCUM.
WELL-L-L? DOESN'T ANYONE WANT TO CHEER ME UP?!?

Garfield®

By Jim Davis


A NEW STUDY SAYS EATING DONUTS WILL HELP YOU LIVE TO BE A HUNDRED!
NEWS
JIM DAVIS 11-21
WE NEED TO EAT MORE DONUTS!
NEWS
AMAZING WHAT YOU CAN DO WITH A COMPUTER, NEWSPRINT AND A BIG HONKING PRINTER

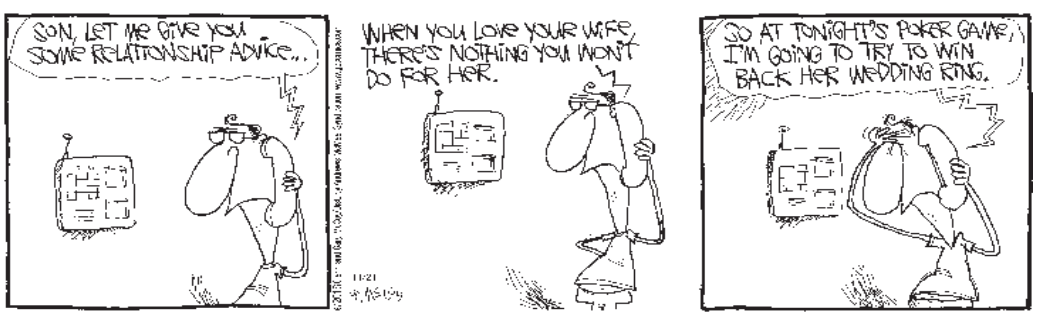
Adam@home

By Bryan Basset

POISON CONTROL? HI. MY DAD SWALLOWED A 50 MG PILL OF OUR DOG'S GOMFLOXOPINE.
ONE SECOND. LET ME LOOK THIS UP.
OKAY. YOUR FATHER WILL BE FINE. THANK YOU FOR CALLING.
THANK YOU.
SHE SAID YOU MAY PANT A BIT AND POSSIBLY GROW A TAIL.
LIKE, A CUTE FURRY ONE OR A GROSS HAIRLESS ONE?

The Duplex

By Glenn McCoy


SON, LET ME GIVE YOU SOME RELATIONSHIP ADVICE...
WHEN YOU LOVE YOUR WIFE, THERE'S NOTHING YOU WON'T DO FOR HER.
SO AT TONIGHT'S POKER GAME, I'M GOING TO TRY TO WIN BACK HER WEDDING RING.

CROSSWORD

By Eugene Sheffer

ACROSS

1 Ticket half
5 Flow out
8 Desist
12 Days gone by
13 Singer Reed
14 Prop for Sherlock
15 One who keeps late hours
17 Opposite of "fer"
18 Lucid
19 Washed
21 Second in command
24 Court divider
25 Valentine flower
28 Prom dress
30 Work unit
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35 Actress Vardalos
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38 Probability
39 Day divs.
41 Practice pugilism
43 Sense
46 "Alfie" star
50 "Born Free" lioness
51 Pronto
54 Ran in the wash
55 Author Umberto
56 Shrek, for one
57 Golf props
58 Tease
59 Runs (into)

DOWN

1 Harmonization
2 Work hard
3 Desire
4 Nanny's warning
5 "Xanadu" band
6 Fiddle stick
7 Future tulip
8 Sudden onrush
9 Football position
10 Mayberry boy
11 Hang in the balance
16 Italian "three"
20 Curry and Landers
22 Swelled heads
23 Surveys
25 Pirate's potation
26 Single
27 Be a tourist
29 Sob
31 Abolish
32 Auto fuel
34 Platter
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43 Owed amount
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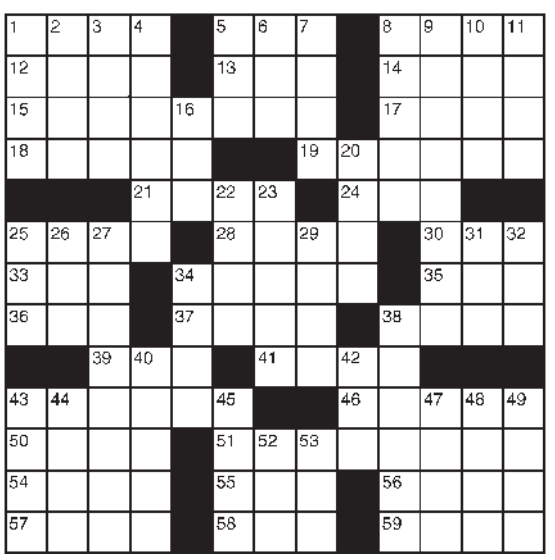

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ARIES *(March 21-April 19):* Hold on to your cash. Put your money, possessions and personal papers in a safe place. Refuse to let anyone bamboozle you into something you don't want. Keep an open mind and a tight fist. Joint ventures are best avoided. ✪✪✪

TAURUS *(April 20-May 20):* Settle amicably any differences you have with a friend, relative or peer. Getting along will be half the battle when it comes to getting what you want. Use a little charm and flexibility to forgo a dispute. ✪✪✪

GEMINI *(May 21-June 20):* Look at what's being offered, but don't jump into something without checking out the downside. Risky ventures are best left alone. Someone is likely to mislead you if you are gullible. If you want to make a change, do so alone. ✪✪✪

CANCER *(June 21-July 22):* Listen carefully. If something is of interest to you, find out all you can before you proceed. A partnership can be developed, but get what you want and what you are willing to give in writing. Don't take a physical risk. ✪✪✪✪

LEO *(July 23-Aug. 22):* Take a closer look at your responsibilities and what's expected of you. Don't take shortcuts or try to get others to do the work for you. Detail and precision will make a difference and help you avoid penalties, criticism or blame. ✪✪

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SAGITTARIUS *(Nov. 22-Dec. 21):* Your expressive way of describing things will grab interest, but if you exaggerate, you will be questioned about your source of information. Stick to the truth, and avoid being called out. A physical improvement can be made. ✪✪✪

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CAPRICORN *(Dec. 22-Jan. 19):* Improvements at home will help ease your stress. Comfort and convenience, along with activities that help build strength and encourage proper diet and exercise, will make a difference in your attitude and your personal relationships with others. ✪✪✪✪

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PISCES *(Feb. 19-March 20):* Stick to the truth and don't believe everything you hear. It's important to keep information straight if you want to avoid a blowout with a friend, peer or relative. Work by yourself if you don't want someone to take advantage of you. ✪✪✪✪

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Last Friday's Answer

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By DAVID OUELLET

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SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF A ROAD GRADER FOR THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS, SAIPAN

Governor Ralph Dlg. Torres and Lt. Governor Victor B. Hocog, through the Department of Public Works (DPW) are soliciting sealed bids for Supply and Delivery of a Road Grader for the Department of Public Works, Saipan Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI).

The project package will be available on or after **November 21, 2018** at Technical Services Division, Department of Public Works, located on Second Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, San Jose, Saipan. A non-refundable payment of **Fifty Dollars ($50.00)** is required for each set. Payment must be made to the CNMI Teasurer and a receipt of payment must be presented when obtaining the Scope of Work at the DPW Technical Services Division.

Bidding procedures shall be in full compliance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations currently in effect."

THE PROVISIONS OF THE CNMI PROCUREMENT REGULATIONS, NMIAC SECTION 70-30.3-725 AND 70-30.3-730 PROHIBITING GRATUITUES, KICKBACKS AND CONTINGENT FEES SHALL APPLY.

A Pre-bid Conference is not required, however, all questions regarding this project must be submitted in writing no later than 4:30 p.m. local time on **November 30, 2018** to **Mr. Anthony A. Camacho, Director of Technical Services Division**, 2nd Floor, Oleai Joeten Commercial Center, Saipan or fax to (670) 234-3547. Response to questions shall be shared with prospective bidders.

Sealed bids must be marked "**DPW-19-IFB-007**". For bidders within the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be submitted to the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, no later than **10:00 a.m. local time December 10, 2018**. Bidders located outside of the CNMI may obtain an additional Seven (7) working days for receipt of their bids by submitting a Notice of Intent to bid. Notices of Intent to bid must be received by the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **10:00 a.m. local time, December 10, 2018**, and must be transmitted via facsimile to (670) 664-1515, or via e-mail to **procurement@cnmidof.net**. For bidders located outside the CNMI, an original and two copies of sealed bids must be postmarked by the U.S. Postal Service or the official government postal service of a foreign country no later than **December 10, 2018** and the BID documents must be received at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply no later than **December 19, 2018**. Note that failure to submit the required number of copies may be cause for rejection of a bid.

Bids will be publicly opened and read at the Office of the Director of Procurement and Supply, located at the former Emergency Management Office, Ascencion Drive, Building No. 1301, Capitol Hill, Saipan, at **10:00 a.m. local time, December 20, 2018**. However, if no notices of intent to bid were received from bidders outside the CNMI, bids will be opened at **10:00 a.m. local time, on December 10, 2018**.

For bids greater than Twenty-Five Thousand Dollars **($25,000.00)** a bid security of fifteen (15%) of the bid amount must accompany the bid. **Bid security shall be on a bid bond, in cash, by certified check, cashiers check or other form acceptable to the government. A surety company shall hold the certificate of authority from the U.S. Secretary of the Treasury as an acceptable surety or other surety acceptable to the Attorney General. Surety requiring approval of the Attorney General must be pre-approved prior to bid submission.** Checks must be made payable to the CNMI Treasurer, with the name of the bidder and a notation on the face of the check: "Credit Account No. 44660". If a bid bond is submitted it must be accompanied by an Insurer Clearance Certification (ICC).

The bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be subject to a responsibility determination in conformance with the CNMI Procurement Regulations **§70-30.3-245**. The responsible bidder submitting the lowest responsive bid will be awarded a contract with the CNMI Government and will be required to deliver Performance bonds, each equal to 100% of the contract price for contracts greater than $25,000.00. Prior to the execution of the contract, the selected contractor shall submit:

a) A current license from the bonding company showing that it has authority to issue bond in the CNMI, and
b) A certification from the bonding company that the unencumbered value of its assets (exclusive of all outstanding commitments on other bond obligations) exceed the penal amount of each bond.

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Performance time for completion of this project is **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** upon issuance of Notice to Proceed. Liquidated damages for delays beyond the established completion date will be assessed at the rate of **One Hundred (US$100.00)** for each and every day the work is delayed beyond the established completion date.

All bid documents received shall become the sole property of the CNMI Government. The Government reserves the right to reject any or all bids and to waive any imperfection in a bid proposal that does not affect the elements of price, quantity, and delivery of the bid, in the best interest of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands.

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF ANTONIA VILLAGOMEZ IEROME, Deceased.) **Civil Action No. 18-0470-CV**) **NOTICE OF HEARING ON PETITION FOR LETTERS OF ADMINISTRATION AND APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATRIX; and**) **NOTICE TO CREDITORS**) Judge: Camacho, Joseph Norita Date: Thursday, December 6, 2018 Time: 9:00 am

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that Petitioner, **Jerome Ierome**, has petitioned the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands to issue Letters of Administration for the **Estate of Antonia Villagomez Ierome, Decedent**. The attorney for Petitioner is **Robert T. Torres, Attorney at Law, whose address is Plata Drive, Chalan Kiya, P.O. Box 503758, Saipan, MP 96950**.

The hearing on the Petition for Letters of Administration by **Jerome Ierome**, as Petitioner, is scheduled to be heard on Thurssday, December 6, 2018 at 9:00am, at the Superior Court of the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands, *Guma' Hustisia*, Civic Center, Saipan, Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands. All interested persons or entities should appear at this hearing.

Any and all persons, creditors, or entities having claims against the Decedent or her Estate are hereby required by law to file their claims with the Clerk of Court within Sixty (60) days of the first publication, or the claim(s) will be barred. A copy of you claim should also be sent to **ROBERT T. TORRES, Attorney at Law, at the address herein-above indicated**.

Dated this 15 day of November, 2018.

/s Clerk of Court/Deputy Clerk of Court

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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF THE NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF BEATO MENDIOLA CALVO, Deceased.) Civil Action No. 18-0304) AMENDED NOTICE OF HEARING and NOTICE TO CREDITORS) Date: December 20, 2018 Time: 9:00 a.m. Judge: Hon. Joseph N. Camacho

TO: THE HEIRS, GENERAL PUBLIC AND CREDITORS OF THE DECEDENT OR OF HIS ESTATE

Notice is hereby given that the Petitioner, Clair A. Calvo, has filed a Petition For Letters of Administration in the above-entitled Estate proceeding pursuant to NMI R. Prob. P 15.

A hearing on the petition will be conducted by the Court on December 20, 2018 at 9:00 a.m. at the U.S. District Courthouse. All persons interested are hereby notified to appear at the hearing and show cause, if any, why the order should not be made.

Pursuant to NMI R. Prob. P 21, notice is hereby given to all creditors of the Decedent or his Estate that they must file their claims with the Clerk of Court within sixty (60) days of the publication of this notice. A copy of the claim of any creditor should be sent to Attorney Mark Scoggins at the above indicated address.

Reference is hereby made to the petition for further particulars.

SO NOTICED this 15th day of November 2018.

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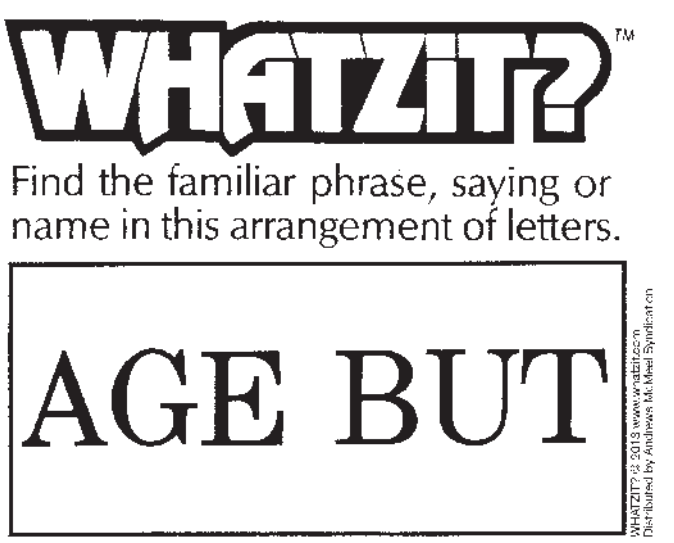
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New scoring leader Walker lifts Hornets over Celtics

CHARLOTTE (AP)—The NBA's new scoring leader was determined his latest big night wouldn't go to waste.

Kemba Walker scored 43 points, giving him 103 in his last two games, and the Charlotte Hornets battled back to beat the Boston Celtics 117-112 on Monday night.

Walker followed up his NBA season-best, 60-point effort in an overtime loss to the 76ers on Saturday night with another spectacular performance. He scored 21 points in the fourth quarter and made 14 of 25 shots overall, including seven more 3-pointers.

He finished 7 of 10 from the floor with four 3-pointers in the fourth quarter as Charlotte erased a 10-point deficit to pull even at 8-8 on the season.

"I just wanted to win, man," Walker said. "I wanted to win a close game. We've been in every game for the most part. There's a couple we haven't been in but you know things just haven't been going our way in those situations and tonight it did and it felt good."

AP

Charlotte Hornets' Kemba Walker, left, drives past Boston Celtics' Jayson Tatum, right, during the second half of an NBA basketball game in Charlotte, N.C., Monday, Nov. 19, 2018.

76ers 119, Suns 114

In Philadelphia, Joel Embiid scored 19 of his 33 points after halftime and added 17 rebounds to help Philadelphia beat Phoenix.

Ben Simmons added 19 points, 11 rebounds and nine assists for Philadelphia, which won its third straight while improving to 9-0 at home, remaining the only team in the league unbeaten at home. The 76ers play five of their next six in Philadelphia.

Devin Booker had 37 points and eight assists for the Suns, who started a four-game road trip with their sixth loss in seven games. Phoenix, which fell to 3-13 overall and 0-7 on the road, has the worst record in the West and is one of three winless road teams in the NBA.

Strong first-half shooting helped Phoenix to a surprising 62-57 halftime lead. The 76ers took control in the third, going up for good on Embiid's three-point play 3:45 into the quarter.

Pelicans 140, Spurs 126

In New Orleans, Anthony Davis had 29 points and nine rebounds, Julius Randle added 21 points, 14 rebounds and 10 assists in 25 minutes, and New Orleans won its third straight.

Randle injected the Pelicans with the hustle and playmaking they needed from their top reserve. He had six of New Orleans' 14 offensive rebounds as New Orleans totaled 21 second-chance points. He also made nine of his 13 shots.

E'Twaun Moore scored 24 points and Jrue Holiday 21 for New Orleans, which shot nearly 58 percent (59 of 102). Nikola Mirotic hit three of four 3-point attempts and finished with 13 points.

Bucks 104, Nuggets 98

In Milwaukee, Giannis Antetokounmpo scored 29 points and Eric Bledsoe added 22, including two late 3-pointers, as Milwaukee overcame a 17-point first-half deficit to down Denver.

Antetokounmpo added 12 rebounds for Milwaukee, which came from 22 down in the first half to beat the Chicago Bulls on Friday night.

The Bucks swept the two-game season series against the Nuggets for the first time since 2009-10.

Jamal Murray had 17 points, eight rebounds and nine assists for Denver, which has lost six of its last seven games. Nikola Jokic had 20 points and Malik Beasley chipped in with 12 points off the bench.

Pistons 113, Cavaliers 102

In Detroit, Andre Drummond had 23 points and 16 rebounds, and Detroit cruised over Cleveland.

Blake Griffin added 21 points and 12 rebounds for Detroit, and Reggie Bullock scored 21 points. The Pistons led 66-46 at halftime, and the game was never close after that. The Cavaliers are now an NBA-worst 2-13 heading into their reunion with LeBron James. The Los Angeles Lakers play at Cleveland on Wednesday night.

Drummond scored 13 points in the first quarter. The Pistons shot 74 percent from the field in that period and led 38-27. Detroit scored the first 11 points of the second, and Bullock's 3-pointer in the final seconds made it a 20-point advantage at the half.

Grizzlies 98, Mavericks 88

In Memphis, Mike Conley scored 28 points, Marc Gasol had 17 points and 15 rebounds and Memphis broke open a close game in the fourth quarter.

Jaren Jackson Jr. finished with 13 points and Garrett Temple added 12 as Memphis won its fourth straight and sixth in the last seven.

Dennis Smith Jr. led the Mavericks with 19 points and five assists. DeAndre Jordan added 17 points and a season-high 20 rebounds. Luka Doncic had 15 points and 10 rebounds but was 6 of 20 from the field, part of Dallas shooting 34 percent.

Pacers 121, Jazz 94

In Indianapolis, Bojan Bogdanovic scored 21 points, Domantas Sabonis nearly had a triple-double and Indiana beat Utah.

Sabonis had 19 points, nine rebounds and nine assists as Indiana won its third straight—this one without All-Star guard Victor Oladipo, who sat out with a sore right knee.

Ricky Rubio matched his season high with 28 points to lead Utah, which has lost three of four and looked weary on the final night of a five-game trip. Rudy Gobert had 12 points and 11 rebounds in a game that wasn't close after the first quarter.

Clippers 127, Hawks 119

In Atlanta, Montrezl Harrell had 25 points and 11 rebounds, Lou Williams added 16 points and a season-high 11 assists, and Los Angeles rallied past struggling Atlanta to win its fifth straight game.

Tobias Harris scored 24 points and Mike Scott had a season-high 18 on six 3-pointers for the Clippers, who erased a 15-point deficit in the second half for the second consecutive game.

The Clippers, playing without second-leading scorer Danilo Gallinari, improved to 11-5. At this point last season after winning in Atlanta they were 5-11.

Yankees acquire Paxton from Mariners for Sheffield, 2 others

NEW YORK (AP)—James Paxton spent the first two months of the 2016 season in the minor leagues after an awful spring training caused his demotion.

When he returned to the majors, he quickly emerged as the Mariners' ace, and now the Yankees hope he can bolster the thin rotation that contributed to New York's loss to Boston in the AL Division Series. New York acquired the 30-year-old left-hander from the rebuilding Seattle Mariners on Monday for top prospect Justus Sheffield and two other minor leaguers.

"I think I'll be a great fit. They seem very committed to winning, and so am I," Paxton said.

New York sent the left-handed Sheffield to the Mariners along with right-hander Erik Swanson and outfielder Dom Thompson-Williams.

Paxton turned 30 on Nov. 6 and went 11-6 with a 3.76 ERA in 28 starts last season, including a 16-strikeout start against Oakland on May 2 and a no-hitter at Toronto six days later. He struck out 208 and walked 42 in a career-high 160 1/3 innings, allowing 23 home runs.

Paxton is 41-26 in six major league seasons, making six trips to the disabled list in the last five years. He missed nearly four months with a strained left latissimus dorsi muscle in 2014, 3½ months with a strained tendon in left middle finger in 2015, 10 days with a bruised left elbow in 2016, 3½ weeks with a strained left forearm and a month with a strained left pectoral muscle in 2017, and 2½ weeks with lower back inflammation this year.

"I continue to try to work towards being healthy for an entire season," he said. "All the injuries that I've had haven't reoccurred. I've learned how to make sure those things don't happen again through exercise or whatever."

When he went to Triple-A two years ago, he worked with former big league pitcher Lance Painter, who told him to drop his arm angle back to three-quarters. When Paxton returned to the Mariners, he studied reading swings with pitching coach Mel Stottlemyre Jr.

"It's taken me a little longer I think in my career because I have had so much time off," Paxton said. "But having those larger chunks the last couple years has really allowed me to come into my own and really make some big strides, and I look forward to continuing to make big strides in my game. And I think that my best baseball is still to come."

Suzuki, Nats agree to $10M, 2-year deal

In Washington, Catcher Kurt Suzuki is heading back to the Washington Nationals after agreeing to a $10 million, two-year contract, a deal pending a successful physical.

The deal was disclosed to The Associated Press on Monday by a person familiar with the agreement who spoke on condition of anonymity because the contract was not yet official.

The 35-year-old Suzuki would get $4 million next year and $6 million in 2020, up from $3.5 million last season, his second with the Atlanta Braves.

He became a free agent after batting .271 with 12 homers and 50 RBIs in 2018 as Atlanta won the NL East ahead of the second-place Nationals.

Suzuki played for Washington in 2012 and 2013, part of a 12-year major league career in which he has been with four clubs and batted .258 with 114 home runs and 619 RBIs.

He made the AL All-Star team in 2014 while with the Minnesota Twins. A right-handed hitter, Suzuki could wind up as part of a platoon at catcher for the Nationals.

Rams outlast Chiefs in high-scoring game

LOS ANGELES (AP)— Jared Goff threw a 40-yard touchdown pass to Gerald Everett for the go-ahead score with 1:49 to play, and the Los Angeles Rams outlasted the Kansas City Chiefs for a 54-51 victory on Monday night in a high-octane NFL offensive showdown that somehow surpassed the hype.

Patrick Mahomes passed for a career-high 478 yards with six touchdown passes in his latest jaw-dropping effort for the Chiefs (9-2), but he also threw two interceptions in the final 1:18 as the Rams (10-1) claimed the highest-scoring Monday night game ever played and the first NFL game with two 50-point performances.

Goff passed for 413 yards and four touchdowns and rushed for another score, while Marcus Peters and Lamarcus Joyner came up with late interceptions as the Rams hung on to win a game featuring 14 touchdowns.

The highest-scoring game in the league this season was an offensive fantasia with 1,001 combined yards and ingenious scheming from mastermind coaches Andy Reid and Sean McVay—along with three defensive touchdowns and 21 combined penalties.

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Los Angeles Rams outside linebacker Samson Ebukam (50) leaps over Kansas City Chiefs quarterback Patrick Mahomes (15) after Mahomes kept the ball during the second half of an NFL football game, Monday, Nov. 19, 2018, in Los Angeles.

"It was a whirlwind," McVay said. "I feel like I might need a couple of beverages to relax tonight, but it was great. This is what you love so much about the game."

The Coliseum's first Monday night game since 1985 was worth the wait— particularly for the thousands of first responders and families who received free tickets to the game while recovering from the dual tragedies of wildfires and a mass shooting in Thousand Oaks.

If this video-game-like spectacle turns out to be a Super Bowl preview, Atlanta should prepare for an All-Madden-level show from two of the most exciting teams in the league.

"It was one of the most competitive games I've been a part of," McVay said. "It was just a competitive game with a lot of high-caliber football in all three phases."

Rams linebacker Samson Ebukam returned a fumble and an interception for the first two TDs of his NFL career, while Kansas City's Allen Bailey returned Goff's fumble for a go-ahead touchdown early in the fourth quarter.

The second half was an extended thriller featuring 59 combined points, but the Rams made slightly more big plays down the stretch.

"We can learn from this," Reid said. "We can't give up 21 points on turnovers. Have to take care of the football. We created some turnovers and points, (but had) too many penalties. We'll heal up and get set to go for stretch run."

After Goff led a 75-yard scoring drive in 89 seconds for the go-ahead TD to Everett, Peters—the former Pro Bowl cornerback traded by Kansas City to Los Angeles last winter—intercepted Mahomes' underthrown ball near midfield with 1:18 to play.

The Rams only managed to get 14 seconds off the clock on their next three plays, and the Coliseum roiled in anticipation of a big finish by Mahomes. But the Chiefs were pushed back to their 13 with 50 seconds left thanks to a booming punt by Johnny Hekker, and Joyner intercepted Mahomes' final desperate heave with 13 seconds left.

"It was a 16-round fight," Rams cornerback Nickell Robey-Coleman said. "You're talking about a Mike Tyson-Lennox Lewis type of fight. Two great teams. Two great opponents. Two great coaches."

This game has loomed in capital letters on the NFL's regular season schedule ever since these teams confirmed their status as offensive powerhouses in September. The Rams and Chiefs are the league's biggest favorites along with New Orleans and New England—the teams responsible for the only other losses by Los Angeles and Kansas City this season.

"It's always fun to play against real good teams," Mahomes said. "You get to go out there and have fun ... (but) it's the same as when we played New England. You can't make mistakes against great teams. You need to limit your mistakes, but be aggressive."

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Middle School and Kagman Elementary School shelters. Our hearts melted as we saw people at the shelters smiled after seeing the donated clothing. It's a sign of faith," the NMRU head said.

Iakopo added that just like other members of the community, their group did not hesitate to extend a helping hand to the victims of Yutu.

"Without hesitation and despite the hardship Super Typhoon Yutu left to many, especially to people without homes, the CNMI National Rugby Team wanted to help in any way possible to rebuild what was lost. The team is not only about playing the sport, we are a team of selfless, giving brothers to our community," Iakopo said.

Meanwhile, the squad returned to training yesterday, but it is not mandatory. The group is preparing for the 2019 Pacific Games that will be held in Apia, Samoa in July.

"The team has been itching to get back to training despite the restless days of cleaning debris, rebuilding homes, and going to work. However, head coach Soni and I wanted to ensure that the rugby team players take care of their families and focus on recovery efforts first. Our training will start today (yesterday), however it is not mandatory as many of our players are part of the recovery team. We have been communicating with coach Sam (Sam Fesulua'i Robinson) from Hawaii on a daily basis, as we continue to work on our training plans for Pacific Games in Samoa. We are also working with a rugby team from Guam and Japan to come down to Saipan for some games," Iakopo said.

Quite the contrast: Senator Manny vs Adrien Broner

NEW YORK (AP) — Dressed in a sharp gray suit and tie, Manny Pacquiao looked every bit the senator he is.

It was his other job, though, that he was working Monday when the eight-time champion announced a Jan. 19 defense of his WBA welterweight belt against Adrien Broner.

"He's one of the top boxers out there," Pacquiao said of Broner, who attended the news conference in slightly different garb: torn jeans adorned with spangles, a T-shirt and black jacket. "Adrien Broner is a high-caliber fighter.

"I have no problem to fight at 140 (pounds), it's my natural weight. I can't say I am avoiding (opponents), that is not my style. I am willing to find other fighters to fight, too, I am available to fight at 140, 147. It is 147 for this fight."

Pacquiao will be 40 when he enters the ring at the MGM Grand Garden Arena in Las Vegas to take on the 29-year-old Broner. It will be the Filipino's 70th fight in a career that began in 1995 and has included titles in weight classes from flyweight to welterweight. He hasn't fought in the United States in two years.

Referred to by his followers as Senator Manny, Pacquiao won and then lost the WBO welterweight crown following his lopsided loss to Floyd Mayweather in a May 2015 megafight. In July, he knocked out Lucas Matthysse for the WBA title, Pacquiao's first KO victory since 2009 when he stopped Miguel Cotto in the final round.

His government role will be placed aside, Pacquiao claims, while he prepares for Broner.

"My opponent is fast, good, and I have to work hard and train hard so the people will be happy on Jan. 19 when we give them a good fight," said Pacquiao, who flashed a mischievous smile when asked if another encounter with the currently retired Mayweather might be in the future.

"I am fighting Adrien Broner," Pacquiao said, adding he was with Mayweather in Japan and mentioned that he, not Mayweather, owned a belt, so "you come challenge me."

Broner views this as his chance to "become a legend." As he strutted around the stage, his words at first were respectful toward Pacquiao, whom Broner "dreamed of fighting when I was a kid."

Soon, though, Broner was back to being Broner, the boastful, say-anything-character who likes talking trash as much as throwing leather.

"He ain't fighting Floyd, he's fighting me," Broner said. "He's gotta get past me first.

"Of course, things he's done in the game are unbelievable. I know Jan. 19 I gotta be at the top of my game. I'm gonna (mess) him up."

Broner, from Cincinnati, is 33-3-1 with 24 knockouts. But he didn't win either of his most recent fights, losing a unanimous decision to Mikey Garcia, who won his 36th straight, in July last year, and then drawing with Jessie Vargas.

Which means recent results indicate neither he nor Pacquiao is in his prime or close to it. Still, they are big enough names for Showtime to put the fight on pay-per-view television.

Both men were asked if they are elite boxers now. Neither flinched in answering.

"Yes, of course," Pacquiao insisted. "I want to fight the greatest opponents in the world and one of them is Adrien Broner. I can fight anybody."

Broner shook his head and smirked when queried on his skill level these days.

"I'm gonna do me; he's gotta worry about what I do," Broner said. "I know what he can do.

"I got three losses, he's got (seven). He's been knocked out; we know he can go to sleep. I got the stuff to do it. I'll hit the jackpot overnight."

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such as Red Cross, Saipan Young Pros, and etc. are already doing just that, organizing an outreach group to assist those that are in need, providing meals, waters, clothing, and other necessary items. And so we didn't want to be redundant with the efforts and take away any resources that were already going toward them. We decided to host a movie because we wanted to give some sense of normalcy, even though if it's just for a few hours, especially for those family that have lost everything and those kids that have nothing to do since schools are out and there are no power or even a home to go back to," he added.

The first movie night was held last Nov. 10 with about 400 people showing up to watch *Avengers: Infinity War* at the parking lot of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville. The group, through the event's sponsors, handed out free food and drinks during the show and did the same when they hosted another movie night at the Mt. Carmel Church's field last No. 17.

"Parents came to us after the show and thanked us because it provided them some much needed break from the reality they have to face or go back to. It's definitely a bitter sweet feeling, but when we see all the big smiles from the kids, that makes all the difference," said Lee, whose group was founded in 2004 and has 17 members.

The Hoopaholics is planning to host two more movie nights, including one on Tinian.

"We're looking at having one at the Airport Field and also a very big possibility of hosting one at our neighboring island Tinian. We didn't forget about you guys! If all goes well, we will be flying down to Tinian on Dec. 1 and host an all-nighter movie session and then a possible local concert the following day. We're working with KKMP, Tinian Mayor, and other government agencies to make it happen so stay tune for that," Lee said.

The group would also like to thank the following for their support: Hoopaholics families and friends, The Marianas Project, MARPAC, Docomo Pacific, Triple J, Great Harvest, Mobil, JC Corp, Subway, Foremost, KKMP, Sorensen, and Monkey Biz Production.

New scoring leader Walker lifts Hornets over Celtics

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Rugby team helps school, donates to shelters

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CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
CNMI rugby players pose with the boxes of clothing they donated at the Tanapag Middle School shelter early this month.

Behind the CNMI rugby players' intimidating presence at the field is a kind heart, as they answered the call for help for those affected by Super Typhoon Yutu.

The group, led by Northern Marianas Rugby Union president and assistant coach Stanley Iakopo, stepped up in rebuilding a private school in Dandan and donated clothing to Tanapag Middle School and Kagman Elementary School shelters.

"Isla Montessori School reached out to the CNMI National Rugby Team asking if we can help rebuild the school as they wanted students to return back to school, the following week (after Yutu slammed Saipan and Tinian in the evening of Oct. 26 to morning of Oct. 27). So, on Nov. 3, 10 rugby players came out to assist the school," Iakopo said.

The group fixed the broken roofs and windows and also did some cleanup at the Isla Montessori School.

Then a little over a week later, Iakopo gathered the players anew and relayed to them the plan to collect clothes for the super typhoon victims and donate other supplies

"On Nov. 12, we donated clothing to the Tanapag

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Carol in main draw of Grade A tournament

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The CNMI's Carol Lee joined the 64-player main draw in the singles event of the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT in Mexico.

Lee is at the upper half of the field and was scheduled to face Elovina Kalieva of the U.S. yesterday at the Club Campestre de Yucatán Calle in Merida. Both are unranked players with Lee having the slight edge on her American foe, as far as the ITF Juniors rankings is concerned. The CNMI bet, as of Nov. 19, is ranked No. 178 and once ranked as high as 161 (March 2018). Kalieva is not far behind at No. 182 and has achieved her highest ranking at No. 180 (Nov. 12, 2018).

Though she is behind Lee in the rankings, Kalieva has a 24-8 slate against Lee's 20-9. Overall, Lee, holds an 89-38 career singles mark against the only 31-18 of her 15-year-old opponent. Kalieva owns 258 ranking points in singles versus Lee's 235.

The American last played in the Evert American ITF in Boca Raton, Florida early this month and made it to the semifinals of the Grade 4 event before losing to compatriots Elaine Chervinsky. Lee, on the other hand, dropped her singles opener in last week's Copa Mundial Campeche FMT and marched into the semis of the doubles event.

Meanwhile, Lee will also play in the doubles event of the Mundial Juvenil Yucatan HSBC FMT—a Grade A tournament.

She will team up with Egypt's Hania Abouelsaad and they will face American Zoe Hitt and Canadian Alisia Stephanie Manolescu in the first round.

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Carol Lee is playing in her second tournament in Mexico this month.

Hoopaholics: More movie nights

CONTRIBUTED PHOTO
Movie night goers line up for popcorn and drinks during the Light Up The Night: Movie Night hosted by the Hoopaholics last Nov. 10 at the parking lot of the NMI Soccer Training Center in Koblerville.

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Want to watch a movie, but the theater is still close and power is out? No problem.

Just wait for announcements from the Hoopaholics, which has hosted two movie nights and will have more.

The group, made up for sports and gym enthusiasts, launched Light Up The Night: Movie Night in the aftermath of Super Typhoon Yutu, veering away from similar relief efforts being done on Saipan and Tinian, but with the same purpose—provide help to the community.

"It was a joint thoughts between myself, the Hoopaholics, and some of my other close friends. We all wanted to help out in any way we could and while most of us are already offering our manpower to either clear out debris or volunteer our time to help provide other services to the community, we wanted to do more," said Hoopaholics member James Lee.

"A lot of great organizations

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